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The way to clean up is to clean up.
One touch of tornado makes all creeds kin.
Those ambassadorship pies must be made of gooseberries.

No one was around to beg the core of that first apple from Adam.
Let us forget the storm havoc and center our minds on the work of rebuilding.
Mr. Morgan found excitement in making money. What a placid life some of us live.

Seven members of the Baltimore base ball team are bald-headed. All married men, no doubt.
No sign of the men prisoners adopting the no-hat plan of winning their way out of jail.
Indianapolis people are boiling their water. The rivers won't even do that much for them.

Hits the Nail on the Head.
There has not been a legislature in session within the memory of the writer, that did not have a scrap over some bill affecting Omaha. At this season it seems to be the water bill and more bad feeling and time is wasted on this bill than any before the legislature, and it only affected Omaha. We don't know anything about the situation and the merits of the bill, but didn't we pass an amendment last fall granting home rule to Omaha so that all this fight between combinations in Omaha may be settled by themselves?—Loup City Times-Independent.

In propounding this question the Loup City man hits the nail on the head. There is no good reason whatever why the legislature should waste its time on a purely local matter that has been put back to the people of Omaha to determine for themselves through their home rule charter-making power. No one is for this water district bill except those who have been feeding off of the water fund, directly or indirectly, while the people of all the cities and towns affected, Omaha, South Omaha, Florence, Dundee and Benson are against it by large majority. At our last city election, in which it was made a distinct issue, the Water board candidate, one of its own members, polled only 1,400 votes out of nearly 6,000. That is why the desperate Water board salary grabbers want to make themselves immune against a recall by the people who have been outraged by its mismanagement, and its broken promises to lessen the burdens of the water users.

Business and Elemental Disturbance.
According to a high authority the great storms and floods of the middle west, which, though they have wrought havoc to notably prosperous and contented communities, in aggregate losses may not prove greater than those sustained in previous disasters of the kind or sufficient to depress financial or business conditions. In attempting a forecast of the season a New York banking house observes:
The country is handling a large volume of business; most of the railroads are showing good traffic returns and our foreign trade continues so favorable to the United States (thanks to dollar diplomacy) as to give us an excess of exports over imports for the eight completed months of the fiscal year ending February of \$474,000,000.

The tone is one of sustained optimism and it is gratifying to note that even pragmatic Wall street, in its view of the recent middle west disasters, places the loss of life beyond comparison with that of property in these words:
The destruction of several million dollars' worth of property is, however, as nothing compared with the distressing loss of life, and the economic waste which that involves.

It is idle for a country as great in development and latent resources as ours to become seriously disturbed over even so extensive a loss of property, particularly with the irreparable loss of life confronting us. It is quite the opinion of financial authorities that, when it comes to the effect of these money losses on business, it is not as disquieting as the apprehension felt over the impending tariff changes, and even that is not alarming as yet.

Prof. Taft's High Office.
Men of Yale, as I hear your cheers and songs I feel your again—as if I have shed some of my years. I come here wanting to help what little I can to the young men who are going out into the nation. I want to help preserve that part of the nation that is worth preserving, and without which the nation cannot exist. If I can do this I shall thank God for the opportunity.

Thus former President Taft addressed the students of Yale upon his return to his alma mater to become professor of law. No higher office or opportunity awaits any man than service to his fellowmen. Just now, while we are in a transport of change and experiment, such service as Prof. Taft proposes to render—to help preserve that part of the nation that is worth preserving—is most important. This country may count itself fortunate that one who has served it as chief executive holds the duty and privilege of service still above all other considerations, even of personal gain, and is willing to take the position to which Mr. Taft has applied himself. If there is any sphere in which such experience and ability as his could find larger opportunity for needed service, we do not know what it is.

But we are getting ready for a commission government in Denver now, and when we get that we are going to have freedom—A Denver Editor, Formerly Police Commissioner, in a Public Address.
Denver's commission form of government, if it is like that of other cities, will be as good as the man elected to run it, and no better.

As a rule, chickens eventually come home to roost. The democratic legislature may make a new \$3,000 election commissioner's job to be filled by a good democrat appointed by a democratic governor, but it will not take many turns of the wheel till a republican lands the soft berth.

It goes without saying that if Rudolph Spreckles is sent as our diplomatic representative to Berlin, his money will have had nothing to do with it. Had he been thus honored by a republican president, however, it would have been merely recognition of a money bag.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha
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Thirty Years Ago—
A society has been formed as an Omaha branch for the Home of the Friendless at Lincoln, with Mrs. Dinmore, president; Mrs. Gish, secretary; Mrs. Burr, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. M. G. McKoon, treasurer. Fifteen women enrolled as members and agreed to furnish an Omaha room in the institution at Lincoln.

Ed B. Williams invites the public to inspect his merchant tailoring stock in the Millard hotel block.
Through her attorneys, General Cowan and Colonel Smyth, Mrs. Painter, wife of the proprietor of the Occidental Hotel, is suing the Union Pacific for \$50,000 for injuries received in a collision.

Hon. Edmund Bartlett of Monroe, Wis., is visiting his son, E. M. Bartlett, of this city, and has some thought of making his home here.
Lawrence Barrett entertained theater guests at the Boyd in "Francisco Di Rimini."

John O'Connell is declaring that he will contest for his seat in the council from the Third ward on the grounds of irregularity in the count, which announcement has a familiar sound.
Streets were closed today and the city wore quite a business aspect.

Superintendent Holdrege and Auditor Gorman are back from Denver.
E. J. Baum of Lincoln is at the Millard.
Mrs. A. R. Dufrene and child have returned from California.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Withnell are back from the south.
Colonel R. H. Wilbur has returned to Fort Bridger.

Twenty Years Ago—
Dr. S. D. Mercer was in St. Louis on business.
The park commission has decided to order plans for a new pavilion in Hanscom park to cost not over \$7,000.

City Prosecutor Cochran filed complaints against several local men for alleged operation of a lottery.
The members of the Board of Health visited the "bottoms" and laid plans for expelling the squatters there, who were said to be scattering germs of disease.

A. H. Merchant, assistant general freight agent of the Elkhorn, was back from Cuba.
Mrs. O. M. Carter entertained a number of young people at her West Farnam street home in the evening. The guests were Misses Fannie Duryea, Emma Crandall, Bertha Sloan, Edna Cowin, Jessie Dickinson, Mae Mount, Fredericka Wessels, Florence Craper, Grace Christian, Darline Cox, Leila Carter, Messrs. Joe Barker, James Wallace, Buzz Colpeter, Wilbur F. Christian, Russel Wilbur, William Hughes, Rae Hobbs, Ezra Millard, Dick Stewart of Council Bluffs, Fred Lake, Samuel Burns, Jr., and Charles Pratt. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed.

Twice Told Tales
One on the Cardinal.
During a visit in his churchly capacity through southern Maryland, Cardinal Gibbons was entertained by the order of Jesuits at Leonardtown. That part of the state is famed for its diamond back terrapin, canvassback duck, oysters, crabs and fish, and a sumptuous table was spread for the cardinal.

During the repast, the cardinal turned to a priest near him and said, with a twinkle in his eye:
"So this is the way the Jesuits dine!"
"No, your eminence," replied the priest; "this is the way the cardinal dines!"
Judge.

Making a Raise.
"Doctor, I want to become so I can raise a great weight. Can you get me that weight?"
"Guess so; but your physique is rather slight at present."

"It know it. I thought maybe I could raise a little at first, and work up."

"Yes; we'll have to go at it gradually; take a long course of treatment."

"All right, doctor. What shall I raise to start with?"
"Better raise \$200, I guess."—Hartford Post.

The Difference.
"As I understand it, doctor, if I believe I'm well, I'll be well. Is that the idea?"
"Then if you believe you're paid, I suppose you'll be paid."

"Not necessarily."

"But why shouldn't faith work as well in one case as in the other?"

"Why, you see, there is considerable difference between having faith in providence and having faith in you."—Lippincott's Magazine.

The Bees Letter Box
Keep Political Hands Off.
OMAHA, April 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: The San Francisco scandal in handling their relief fund is not forgotten and the people should see to it that it is not repeated in Omaha. If the \$1,000,000 bond issue is voted, let it be honestly administered and not be allowed to fall into the greedy clutches of the politician. Keep political hands off of it. G. R.

The Scientist's Side of It.
OMAHA, April 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly allow me to correct a statement made in an article entitled, "Operation Might Have Saved the Life of Little Ruth Draggoodin." The Bee, April 3, that "The doctor wanted to operate when the child was brought to the hospital, but did not, owing to the objection on the part of friends who accompanied the child to the hospital."

This child was brought to the hospital by strangers sometime Sunday night, and it was not known who she was at that time. Friends who were looking for the child found her at the hospital about 1 o'clock Monday, March 31, and she was identified by Mrs. Miller, a friend of the family.

The grandmother knew that the child was injured and expressed the hope, before the child was found, that she would not have to be operated on. Nothing was said, however, as to the operation being necessary until Tuesday. Mrs. Miller told the doctors what the grandmother had said, and asked that they wait until the parents could be told and their consent obtained. The parents, who do not claim to be Christian Scientists, when informed that the doctors said an operation was necessary, objected, but finally consented to it, if the doctors thought it was best.

Christian Scientists did not influence the parents in any way in their decision. It was left entirely to them to decide.
The doctors when asked in regard to this case, stated that even if an operation had been performed earlier, the child had only one chance in five to recover. Would it not be well to avoid criticism of any one at this time, as all are doing their best under trying circumstances. The doctors, nurses and others in charge of the various hospital departments, the greatest praise is being shown for their devotion to their work during the last two weeks. CHARLES A. DUNHAM, Christian Science Publishing Committee for Nebraska.

Buying the Auditorium.
OMAHA, April 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice that a resolution has been submitted to the city charter committee for the purpose of enabling the city of Omaha to vote bonds in the sum of \$200,000 for the purchase or erection of an auditorium. The idea of the city of Omaha purchasing ground and building an auditorium, such as a city of this size requires, or even as good as the one we have, for the sum of \$200,000 is utterly ridiculous. It would require at least \$150,000 to buy the ground alone any place in Omaha suitably located for an auditorium. It would also require at least \$50,000 more to erect an auditorium of all commensurate with the needs of the city, and it would be utterly useless, therefore, to contemplate the erection of a new auditorium with anything less than \$400,000. Half a million would be more like the sum needed.

The proposition which the Omaha Auditorium company made to the city council last year to sell the present Auditorium and half block of ground to the city for \$25,000 was the best business proposition for Omaha that has been presented in many a long year. The Omaha Auditorium, as it stands today with furniture and fixtures, has cost in round figures \$250,000. The ground upon which it stands is worth \$150,000 at least, and if the city of Omaha can get this property for \$225,000, it will get the best bargain presented to the city in ten years. The present Auditorium, with an expenditure of about \$25,000 toward finishing it up, would fill all the practical purposes for the city of Omaha for the next five or ten years, and at the end of that time the city could sell the property, if so desired, for \$600,000, for by that time it will be on the edge of the wholesale district, with railroad trackage right to the building.

It seems to me that in all this city charter talk it is very unwise to make Omaha appear cheap and small by the introduction of such a resolution as this \$200,000 proposition for the erection of a new auditorium. It puts Omaha in a class with Lincoln, St. Paul and even smaller cities and is a kind of advertisement that will not do Omaha any good. Denver has more than \$600,000 invested in an auditorium, Kansas City has almost \$800,000 invested in an auditorium, St. Joseph has \$300,000 invested in an auditorium, Des Moines has \$300,000 invested in an auditorium on leased ground, St. Paul has \$600,000 invested in an auditorium and Milwaukee has \$600,000 invested in an auditorium. In each of the above cases, excepting Des Moines, the investment includes the ground and building. In view of all these facts I think it will be admitted that it makes Omaha look pretty cheap to even talk about buying ground and building a new auditorium with \$200,000. Manager Omaha Auditorium.

Thanks for Donations.
OMAHA, April 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: In behalf of the Mayo Spiritual Society, I wish to thank the citizens of Boelus, Neb., for the clothing sent for cyclone sufferers, also the friends and neighbors, who assisted us in every way possible at the sewing circle and especially the women from Irvington, with their generous donations and particularly the children's overalls that went like "hot cakes."

God bless the ones who help them. To each and all alike; Forgetting our race and color. Press onward and be brave; As they fought to save the nation. Lives lost so brave and true. Again we seem to hear old hymns. Our soldier boys in blue. They say he sacred to that trust. We gave our lives to save; It was the cause for freedom. Press onward and be brave; And as we halt the dear old flag. As now we give and take. Let us not forget the homeless. At "Twenty-fourth and Lak." MRS. HETTIE E. FORBES. 112 North Twentieth street.

THESE GIRLS OF OURS.
"This reporter wants your photograph."
"I haven't any more," said the elderly society lady.
"Can't you have one taken?"
"Not the kind I would be willing to see in print."—Pittsburgh Post.

"Argatha, love, do you mean to tell me that such a little hat as that cost \$7.50?"
"Geoffrey, dear, before you have been a husband many years you will learn the great lesson that the dimensions of a hat afford no criterion for judging the size of the bill."—Chicago Tribune.

"I must congratulate you, Katie," said the lady of the house. "You didn't break any crockery yesterday."
"Indeed, no, ma'am," replied the girl. "You see, I had a bad headache and didn't feel very strong yesterday."—Tonkera Statesman.

"Say, you remember Ethel Raynor, that girl you and I used to run with; did she make a name for herself, as she said she would?"
"Got better. She's Mrs. John Jones now."—Chicago Post.

"Does your husband ever tell you you have poor taste?"
" Frequently."

"And what reply do you make to him?"
" I think of what I married and say nothing."—Boston Post.

Gibbs—It is very evident that your wife has a mind of her own.
Dibs—You think so? Well, so do I, but she keeps telling me that her mind is made up.—Boston Transcript.

Agent—Madam, I'd like to show you one of the best cream separators on the market.
Farmer's Wife—don't want it; but if you have a coin separator that you can guarantee to work on my husband I'll buy it.—Indianapolis Star.

"Look at that young couple over there; see how earnestly they are talking and how fondly they gaze at one another. I'll wager a hundred to one they are building an air castle in Spain."
" You lose, old chap. That's young Wetherby and his fiancée. He's just talked her into starting out with four rooms and a bath, and she's telling him how she means to furnish it."—St. Louis Republic.

Girl With the Julia Marlow Dimples—What do you think of this London fat of wearing a watch on your shoe?
Girl With the Viola Allen Voice—Is it any worse than wearing clocked stockings?—Chicago Tribune.

"Remember, Arthur, you are the son of a gentleman. Try to behave like one for just one day."
" All right, mother, but it will spoil the whole day for me."—Life.

THE CALL TO ARMS.
The athlete pining for the bat. To help reduce his surplus fat; The golf fiend corpulent, who'd knock his pretty balls for many a block. The supple youth who longs for sport. That is hemmed in by a tennis court. The folks who punch down at the gym. To coax the muscles to their limbs; The hikers who must hit the pike. Don't need to wait, if they are wise. For good and healthy exercise; There are boards to nail and boards to burn. Good exercise at every turn. There are hammers and saws and chisels that need Some good, strong arm to give them speed; There are homes to rear where ruins lie. And there isn't even time to sigh For the golf stick, the racquet and the bat. They had better remain "where they are at."

For there's plenty of exercise of the best. For reducing fat or to serve as a test. Of pluck of courage, skill or nerve. And 'twill give the limbs the proper curve. Omaha. BATULLI NE TREBLE.

Editorial Snapshots

Washington Post: A congressman with a thousand applicants and only one position at his disposal couldn't possibly make as many enemies as the unfortunate Judge of a baby show.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The chancellores of Europe are reported afraid "lest the veneer of peaceability between the powers should crack." Suppose little Montenegro should put a dent in it?

Philadelphia Ledger: If incomes of less than \$4,000 are exempted from the tax the universality of tomorrow will make the Annanlian era look like a period of universal truth telling.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The "ablest business men" of Omaha and Dayton will lead in the reconstruction of the two cities. This class ought to be more willing to go to the front in municipal administrations as a steady habit.

New York World: Three thousand Yale students "roared a welcome" to Mr. Taft when he reached New Haven. An ex-president who commands as much applause as a foot ball star has reason to be well satisfied.

San Francisco Chronicle: The most exaggerated case of regulation run mad is that furnished by the freak legislature now in session at Sacramento. The caliber of the body may be judged by the fact that it deems it the part of wisdom to regulate the size of canary bird cages.

Philadelphia Ledger: In all parts of the world aviation continues to take its toll of death. On one day last week the papers reported three deaths, two in Japan and one in France, but the same issues told of a Belgian making a new speed record of 125 miles in sixty-five minutes. So every day there will be more fliers and all through the year we may expect more tragedies.

People Talked About

Impartial critics award the degree of "Doctor of Railroads" to the late J. P. Morgan.
Abdul Hamid, late sultan of Turkey, expresses contemptuous views about woman's suffrage. Abdul is too old to realize that he is a dead one.

A Philadelphia firm employing 700 men offers a premium of 15 cents for every bathtub workman takes, besides furnishing the tub and throwing in the water.
J. J. Barnett, who twenty-five years ago began as a telegraph operator, is now vice president of the New York Central railroad, with headquarters in Chicago.

Pennsylvania is the thirty-fifth state to approve the constitutional amendment for direct election of United States senators. One more state will make the amendment the law of the land.
Cupid invaded the ranks of the Bachelors' club of the University of Chicago faculty and attached the red and orange tassels to the mortar board of Prof. Ferdinand Schevill of the department of history.

One hundred men are counting the money in the United States treasury preparatory to turning a billion or so over to Treasurer John Burke. The North Dakotan has in sight enough coin to fill a buffalo wallow.
From banker to explorer and from Louisville to the equator is the remarkable change which Brent Aitshaler is preparing to make. He is in New York completing his arrangements, and hopes to leave for the coast of east Africa this week.

The House of Morgan

Indianapolis News: John Pierpont Morgan will be a great figure in history. From him statesmen may learn the art of handling mighty aggregations of capital, perhaps, for different purposes.

Houston Post: Yesterday J. Pierpont Morgan was one of the world's opulent men; today he hasn't a cent. When the fellow with the acryle and the hour glass comes along he wipes out the distinction between wealth and poverty in a jiffy.

New York World: Mr. Morgan's death will clear up one interesting mystery of his life. He was the only one among America's conspicuous rich men so closely allied against public scrutiny as to reduce all estimates of his personal fortunes to the wildest guesses.

Louisville Courier-Journal: His campaigns were not surpassed in reach by those of any conqueror; his achievements were untainted by the sordid greed of gain. All the other money kings pale their ineffectual fires before the "enchanting" that bears the mortal remains of John Pierpont Morgan from the valley of the Tiber to the valley of the Connecticut, where, with his father, he shall wait the final trumpet-call. May his sleep be long and sweet!

Sound a Warning Note.

Kansas City Star.
Kansas City has the chance to take advantage of the lessons to be derived from the Omaha tornado in amending its building code. An ordinance amending the code is now pending. It ought to be the fullest possible information as to what was revealed in the effect of the wind on buildings in Omaha. A city in the zone of possible tornadoes is criminally negligent if it permits sleazy construction to endanger the lives of its citizens.

Queer Precedents Smashed. Philadelphia Record.
President Wilson has astonished Washington by breaking another precedent, which by this time must be about his fiftieth performance in that line. He actually went to the railroad station to meet his wife—something no president was ever known to do before. Some of these Washington precedents are decidedly queer, and the average citizen will think it was full time to break them. They never will be mislead.

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