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And while you are at it, get your
fly-swatting ready.
Now that the base ball season has
been duly opened, we may proceed—
to the game.
Why not send Colonel Harvey to
Mexico?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
Because he is a law-abiding citizen.
Even death hardly seems a just
provocative of poetry-writing upon
the life of the late J. Pierpont
Morgan.

A nation that can survive the
death of J. P. Morgan surely may be
trusted to endure the expatriation of
Frank Gould.
What would Joaquin Miller have
thought of the degeneracy of his
compatriot, John Burroughs, riding
in an automobile?
New York's proposed new court
house is to be built in circular form.
Not even the temple of justice is on
the square there.

Faint Praise.
Opponents of the public welfare
commission bill doubtless felt that
to "damn with faint praise" would
not only be more withering, but
would also serve to conceal their real
motives for antagonizing this measure,
which, therefore, they had
passed with an appropriation of
\$5,000 instead of \$50,000, or \$25-
000, as proposed by its friends.
The original measure contemplated
something really worth while
to Nebraska, and it is most regrettable
that the majority of the legisla-
tors were not foresighted enough to
see that and understand that it was
not a "blue sky" proposition, but a
sane, businesslike method of forward-
ing the state's interests, as has been
done through the legislatures in sev-
eral neighboring states.

A Question of Percentages.
Everyone agrees that if we are to
have an initiative, referendum and
recall as part of the machinery of
local government, the percentage re-
quired to set it in motion should be
low enough to be workable, and at
the same time high enough to pre-
vent its use simply to promote hob-
bles or vent personal grievances.
Our present charter puts the per-
centage up as high as 30 per cent for
recall. The other extreme is re-
presented by advocates of 5 per cent
for the initiative, and at that to be
based not on total vote, but on the
highest vote polled by any candidate
at the last preceding city election.
Taking a concrete example, the total
vote for the high man for commis-
sioner in Omaha was 10,869, of
which 5 per cent would be 543. But
the total vote in that election was
18,215, and it is quite conceivable
that the high man on the successful
ticket might have won out with less
than 9,000 votes, of which 5 per cent
would be not over 450.

President and Canal Tolls.
If President Wilson is correctly
quoted in opposition to remitting
tolls of American coastwise traffic
passing through the Panama canal,
he is in direct conflict with the plat-
form of his party, which, on this
point, declared:
We favor the exemption from toll
of American ships engaged in coastwise
trade passing through the canal.
This serves to remind us that Mr.
Wilson announced in his speech of
acceptance that he had not then read
the platform adopted at Baltimore, a
most remarkable thing, most people
thought, Mr. Bryan, it was under-
stood, practically wrote the platform
and evidently Mr. Wilson considered
his wisdom and sagacity sufficient.

"Executive Usurpation."
The active part President Wilson is
playing in shaping the tariff bill now
before congress and the pressure he
is exerting on individual members of
the legislative body constitute one of
the unhealthy developments of modern
progressivism, tending to undermine and
subvert the constitution and weaken the
whole structure of popular government.
Both caption and extract might be
mistaken as criticisms from a con-
servative republican organ of a dem-
ocratic president, but as a matter of
fact they are taken from the New Or-
leans Picayune, one of the pillars of
southern democracy, which stood
steadfast and true to the banner of
Woodrow Wilson in the late election.
And this is just a straw as to the
way the wind is blowing in the dem-
ocratic field. The Picayune further
on speaks of seeking to "influence
and browbeat congress," comparing
Wilson's attitude to the Roosevelt
"big stick," all of which, undoubt-
edly, is accentuated by dissatisfaction
with proposed tariff schedules re-
moving duties from the various sec-
tional staples. The southern journal
even goes to the trouble of quoting
the constitution to show that it is not
the province of the president to dic-
tate, nor more than recommend,
legislation to congress.

Mr. Cleveland exclaimed, "I have
congress on my hands." A good many
democrats in and out of congress
would reverse the declaration.

Looking Backward
This Day in Omaha
COMPILED FROM BEE FILES
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Thirty Years Ago—
Dr. P. S. Leisenring, city physician, re-
ports forty-one deaths for March.
A Rosenberry has been awarded the
contract for building the new English
Lutheran church.
General Paul VanDervoort, grand com-
mander of the Grand Army of the Re-
public, left for Utah.
The remains of the late Mrs. Miller,
mother of Mrs. Harry Deuel, was sent
east to Tusculum, Ill.
"Miss Evelyn Allen is home for a few
days from Iowa State college at Ames,
making her father a pleasant visit.
All the Jollities who were playing at
the Boyd, are at the Millard, among
them Frank Daniels and Miss Jennie
Yeaman.
Here is an ad: "Railroad war. Chicago
in twenty-two hours; first class, direct
line, no change of cars. Cobly Brothers,
Tenth street, near depot."

Twenty Years Ago—
Jan. Paderewski, the great pianist,
"came, played and conquered." "It was
beyond criticism," said The Bee's critic.
The engagement was at the Boyd and
well attended.
George Kennedy of Missouri Valley, Ia.,
a mail agent, arrived in the city and
line of the Elkhorn a distance of seventy-
five miles out of Omaha.
City Electrician Cowall reported to the
city council that about 700 useless poles
were standing in the streets and should
be removed.
William Nurse and Amy Cleaver de-
cided to turn down the same lane in life
and go it together hereafter, under the
matrimonial bond.
County Judge W. W. Keyser expressed
displeasure at the delay in handling
juries and thus slowing up the wheels
of justice. He told County Attorney Kaley
that he thought greater facility would
be made by lessening the lengths of in-
termissions between the terms of court,
so that steps were taken to that end.
Mrs. George Worthington gave a beau-
tiful luncheon at Bishopthorpe for her
niece, Miss Kohlsaat and Miss Edith
Misses Beattie, Beattie Yates, Nellie
Wakley, Emily Wakley, Floy Yates,
Clarkson, M. Woodworth, Della Chandler,
Dr. Sweet, Mr. John Worthington, Mr.
Richard Milton, brother of Mrs. Worthing-
ton, and a well known clubman of
Boston.

Ten Years Ago—
I believe that back to the earth we
shall come, even in the cities," said Lar-
roll G. Pearce, city superintendent of
schools, in addressing the Omaha Philo-
sophical society at the Paxton hotel on
"The Education of Town Children." He
said the growing tendency was for urban
life at the expense of the rural existence.
He pleaded for manual training in the
public schools.
A 12-year-old lad was arrested for
spitting from the gallery of a local
theater down at the said pate of a
gentleman in the parquet.
With Chin and Glade pitching and
Garvin catching, St. Joseph turned the
tables on Omaha, beating them 4 to 2.
Henderson and Goding were the local
batteries. At that Omaha made eight hits
to the Jo-Jo's five.
County Treasurer G. Fred Elmaser an-
nounced that he and Mrs. Elmaser were
planning to celebrate the twenty-fifth an-
niversary of their marriage in a few
days and that relatives from Chicago,
Denver, Papillion and other large cities
would be present to make the event
memorable.
Rev. Thomas Anderson, pastor of Cal-
vary Baptist church, preached on the
motives of men. He believed in going
deeper down than the deed itself to
discover the intention and spirit impelling
the act.

People Talked About

If his brother monarchs insist on
playing in Montenegro's back yard, King
Nicholas will climb the fence and swing
over.
Victor D. Bruner, designer of the Lin-
coln cent, is to marry Miss Anna Reed,
head worker of the Recreation home in
New York.
Miss Jane Fairman of Chicago, after
forty-three years of clerking in the office
of the Illinois Central road, has been re-
tired on a pension.
An armistice has been agreed to be-
tween General Daniel E. Sickles and the
sheriff of New York, whereby Sickles is
allowed to live out his days in his old
home, conditioned on his being good and
paying the rent promptly.
John M. Todd, 32 years old, of Port-
land, Me., is believed to be the oldest
active barber in the United States. If
not in the world, Mr. Todd has been a
barber sixty-five years. He shaved Jef-
ferson Davis long before the war.
James A. Stuart of Jersey City, of
which place he has been a resident for
the last twenty-five years, has found his
three daughters after a search of thirty-
seven years. He located them at St.
Louis, just where he left them nearly
two-score years ago.
J. T. Sweeney, a ranchman from the
Butter Creek district, near Bartlesville,
Okla., killed a golden eagle measuring
seven feet and three inches from tip to
tip. The Bartlesville local Aerie of
Eagles purchased the bird and shipped it
to Kansas City to be mounted.
A bunch of valorous Roman citizens,
constituting the mob in William Fav-
arsh's production of "Caesar," in Cin-
cinnati, struck for \$1 a night instead of
50 cents, and against the rule to wear
their legs before each performance. The
centurions compromised on 75 cents a
night and a limitation of the baths from
soles to knees.
The death of former Senator Hender-
son of Missouri leaves three surviving
members of the senate which tried the
impeachment of President Andrew John-
son—Senator Cole of California, now
over ninety years of age, and Senators
Edmunds of Vermont and Sprague of
Rhode Island, both over eighty and still
in the prime of life.

In Other Lands

Progress Toward Peace.
The situation in the Near East is making
progress toward peace. During the week
the powers have given favorable answer
to the propositions of the Balkan allies,
conceding their demand regarding the
new Turco-Bulgarian frontier, but reserv-
ing the rate of the Aegean islands for
further consideration by the powers. Ces-
sion of these islands were included in the
peace conditions formulated by the allies.
The powers indicate readiness to
map the boundary of Albania on the
north and northeast, but the south fron-
tier remains to be determined. The prin-
ciple of war indemnity pressed by the
allied states has been cancelled tenta-
tively, but the amount as well as the
distribution of the Ottoman debt over
the conquered territory is to be referred
to a commission by the powers, in which
the allies are given representation. Ap-
parently the only obstacle to conclusion
of peace lies in the obstinate purpose
of Montenegro to capture Scutari. Success
there, however, will not enlarge Monte-
negro's territory, for the powers have de-
cided that Scutari shall remain a part
of the new state of Albania. But the
capture of the stronghold around which
the vallant Black mountain warriors
have made great sacrifices would save
the face of King Nicholas and the pride
of his people. Montenegro alone of the
allied states thus far has failed to
achieve its part in the plan of campaign,
flocked by the unexpected strength and
heroic resistance of the Turkish garrison.
Further resistance on the part of Monte-
negro must prove fruitless. Russia, de-
pendent upon friendly support, lines
up with the powers and has advised King
Nicholas to recede and take solace in
a money indemnity and a slice of terri-
tory just as good. Unless King Nichol-
as yields to the inevitable without fur-
ther pressure, an allied army of the pow-
ers similar to that which swatted the
Chinese boxers, may be sent to Albania
to give Montenegro a few lessons on
the value of obedience to superior
powers.

Politics in Great Britain.
There is more politics in the suffragette
campaign in England than the dispatches
indicate. At a recent rally of support-
ers of the "cause" in London \$5,000 was
collected for the spot to further the activi-
ties of the militants. Unhappily every
subscriber knew in advance that the
money would be used to promote window
smashing, incendiarism, destruction of
mail boxes, wire cutting and bomb plant-
ing. The very madness of the methods
now in vogue precludes the notion that
"votes for women" can be secured by
such means. Back of the purses pouring
out the suffragette sinews of war lies
the hope of embarrassing the Asquith
ministry and the overthrow of the lib-
eral government. No sacrifice is regar-
ded by the privileged class too great
to achieve that end. Irish home rule,
manhood suffrage, Welsh church dis-
establishment, measures now advancing to
final passage, are of minor consequence
compared with the fearful oner of land
reform which Lloyd George promises in
the near future. The mighty land own-
ers of the empire dread the coming blow,
and every means which hold the shadow
of a promise of staying the hand of the
arch enemy of entrenched wealth means
but press the button to command the
gun. Meanwhile the allied liberals pre-
sent an unbroken front and national
prosperity puts on the scoreboard the
trade union record of all hands at work.

A Gamy King.
King Alfonso of Spain is more for-
tunate than the average monarch of
Europe marked by anarchists. Eight
times his life has been in jeopardy, but
made by bombs and guns, each time the
king felling the enemy by a scratch.
With every attempt on his life comes
greater public esteem not only for his
"good luck," but also for his courage
and cheery indifference to the schemes
of assassins. Whatever may be his im-
perfections as a monarch, there is no
question of his quick wittedness in the
face of danger. His coolness and self-
possession in his last attempt on his life,
dramatically heroic in the eyes of his
subjects, has endeared him to the people.
The aim of the assassin's pistol, prov-
ing the alert and nimble skill of the youthful
monarch. Alfonso is indifferent to dan-
ger. He dislikes armed escorts and fre-
quently appears in public without at-
tendants. This democracy materially in-
creases public loyalty and esteem for the
"game" monarch of Spain.

Strike for Manhood Suffrage.
The socialist "political strike" in Bel-
gium is a novelty in old world politics,
copied after the strike for representative
government in Russia in 1906. Suffrage
reform is the purpose of what is aptly
termed "a peaceful revolution." In Bel-
gium the ballot is hedged in with limita-
tions which give wealth, station and the
heads of families a preponderating in-
fluence in local and general government
having and triple votes. The demand
for free schools is the root of the trouble.
Failure of repeated attempts to
abolish clerical control of the schools
convinced the socialists that relief was
impossible while the classes control the
ballot. The issue is "one man, one vote,"
and the result will determine not only
the staying power of the socialists, but
also how far the nation will sacrifice in-
dustry and commerce on the altar of po-
litical favoritism.

Chinese Independence.
In some quarters the address of the
republican government of China, issued
on the eve of the assembling of the first
elective national assembly, is dignified
as a "declaration of independence." Possi-
bly its tone carries that impression in
actively drawn to native ears. As trans-
lated for circulation in the United States
it sounds a commonplace note. Its chief
distinction is brevity. The disreputable
monarchy gets a parting shot of denun-
ciation, a few generalities are indulged
in, details are avoided and popular gov-
ernment lauded. There is not a striking
sentence in a document voicing the as-
pirations for freedom of numerically the
greatest and historically the oldest peo-
ple on earth. Alongside the American decla-
ration of independence the Chinese de-
claration lines up as a firecracker to a
sixteen-inch gun.

Muffled Knocks

Some men are democrats at heart, and
others want government jobs.
Marriage is a sacred rite through which
a man subjects himself to perpetual cross-
examination.
The advertising helps some, but the
most effective agent of the safety razor is
the barber who extends his hand in the
direction of customers.—Philadelphia

The Bees Letter Box

A Dangerous Policeman.
OMAHA, April 18.—To the Editor of
The Bee: A few evenings ago I changed
cars at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth
about 9 o'clock. As I stood waiting the
patrol wagon stopped, and about six or
eight boys got in. In a few moments
several younger boys and four or five
women came up and stood quietly talk-
ing. The policeman, who had evidently
made the arrests, came from around the
corner, and without being addressed, re-
marked, in a loud, angry tone that he
had warned the boys to "keep away from
this" time and again. One of the women
said:
"Why didn't you speak to the parents?
That's better than arresting the boys."
The policeman retorted that he knew
what he was about. Another woman
then spoke up and said she would hate
to have her boy arrested. With that the
policeman completely lost control of his
temper and said:
"Will arrest any one I want to. You
don't know what you are talking about."
Thereupon one of the women said:
"Don't you arrest my son."
In an extremely abusive manner the
policeman replied, "You keep still. If
you don't I'll arrest you. It's none of
your business what I do, and I'll arrest
anyone I want to."
The women and boys went on without
further talk, and left the policeman
standing on the corner.
I submit to you should a man totally
unable to control his temper, and with-
out discretion in exercising authority
that he may have, be allowed to wear a
police star?
X. Y. Z.

Hygiene Ahead of Morals.
OMAHA, April 18.—To the Editor of
The Bee: A communication in Collier's
over the name, Lawrence R. Ach, says
some things so much better than I could
say them, that I write to ask space for
these extracts:
Because prostitution outrages our sense
of morality, we persist in attacking it
from the moral side, quite overlooking
its more vital spots, the hygienic and
sanitary questions that its growth and
diffusion raise.
What is the worst result of prostitu-
tion—the young man's wrecked morals
or his wrecked body? The lowered stand-
ard of a pure young woman who accepts
for her husband a man she knows to be
less virtuous than herself, or her ruined
body ravaged by disease, stripped of its
highest function?
Are blind babies, boys and girls imbecile
before their childish intelligence has
even awakened, children with their little
limbs mangled and bent, to weigh less in
the balance than the variation in a girl's
morals, due to a raise in wages from \$3
to \$8 a week? Do we try to prevent these
mutilations of our babies, our citizens of
the future? We treat them, and their
fathers and their mothers—after the dis-
ease is contracted, but we allow our
houses of prostitution to continue reeking
stews of infection.
And the remedy is so simple. By a
mere change in view, the prostitute can
wipe out, almost immediately, at least 99
per cent of the venereal infection. Why
do these diseases spread so rapidly? Be-
cause it is to the interest of the prostitute
to hide her infection as long as she
can. In her case, discovery means loss of
income. How natural, then, to make it
her interest to inform the proper authori-
ties immediately she discovers her condi-
tion. Give her a small pension during
treatment and watch her rush to report
at the first suspicion of infection.
MEDIC.

Dr. Schiff's Gift.
Hillsboro, O., April 17.—To the Editor
of The Bee: It is noteworthy at this time
in the midst of the business rush, that
certain Bible champions are donating and
organizing for biblical research. Even
the secretary of state is calling atten-
tion to our spiritual leanness and the
urgency of study on such vital topics.
Narrow, indeed, are the minds who seek
to place a public edict on the inspired
record and its salutary statements which
have, for long years, been the meat and
drink of earth's most noble souls. Also,
how necessary breadth of view should
govern, shorn of bigotry and superstition.
Truly the wise man said: "The wisdom
from above is the noblest science and
best instruction." From every angle of
reason the Old Volume sends forth its
refreshing streams of true comfort, minis-
tering wholesome food at every turn of
thought.
Like the orb of day its rays shed light
on everything it shines and reflects a
Creator beneficent and majestic beyond
compare. Yes, do we not owe the very
fibre of our civilization to the measures
of Hebrew law and prophetic counsel?
Reaching for the sense in the original
idion of holy writ should enlighten the
widest publicity. Yours for Biblical prog-
ress.
JOSEPH GREIG.

Twice Told Tales

A Star Gag.
Francis Wilson is an authority on stage
history; and the other day at the play-
ers in Gramercy park, New York, he
talked in a most interesting way about
stage gags.
"The best stage gag in history," Mr.
Wilson said, "was undoubtedly an im-
promptu of Mrs. Keeley's. Mrs. Keeley
was playing a boy's part in Genevieve.
She was taken before a judge in this
part, and the judge asked sternly:
" 'Now, then, where are your accom-
plishments?'
" 'To this question Mrs. Keeley roughly
replied, as she gave a nautical hitch
her trousers, that she could not tell.
" 'I don't wear any. They keep up
without.'
" This impromptu gag was so success-
ful that, from that night on Mrs. Keeley
did not have to answer the judge's ques-
tion—the gallery, in resounding chorus,
did it for her."
Couldn't Spare the Time.
An elderly pair were making their first
visit to a New York playhouse.
" 'Well, Sarah," remarked the old gen-
tleman, at the conclusion of the first
act, "don't you think we'd better be
a-leavin'?"
" 'Why, no, Hiram! The show ain't half
over yet.'
" 'Well, it says on this here program
that three days elapse between the first
and second acts, and I'm durned if I
want to see there that long.'—Judge.

Lines to a Laugh

"How on earth did Mrs. Millyons ever
bury her way into society?" With her
mother?
" 'With that and tact.'
" 'Tact?'
" 'Yes, she always lost at bridge.'—
Baltimore American.
" 'Uncle Zeke, your boy Bill is about
16 now; has he ever flared up and said
he was going to quit the farm and
light out for the city?'
" 'Nope. And he ain't going to. Bill
says there's just as fine moving pictures
right here in the village as you can
see anywhere.'—St. Louis Republic.
" 'Why did she want to set her husband's
will aside?'
" 'Merely because it was her husband's
and she had got in the habit of setting
it aside.'—Houston Post.
" 'What qualification has that man for
so high an official position in our com-
pany?'
" 'He can sign his name oftener in a
given time than anybody else in the
shop.'—Washington Post.
" 'Don't you think we have laws
enough already, senator?'
" 'Oh, yes, but if I don't let 'em know
what I am here for I'll never get here
again.'—Atlanta Constitution.
" 'And what did the famous nervous spe-
cialist tell you?'
" 'He told me to go to the nearest book
store and get a copy of the book called
'Why be Nervous?'"
" 'That's funny.'
" 'No it isn't. He wrote the book.'—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Base Ballist's Seven Ages.

From Judy.
All the world's a ball,
And all the men upon it merely players.
They have their innings and their field
chances,
And each man in his time plays every
base.
His life being seven ages.
At first the infant,
Pitching and bawling in his nurse's arms,
And then the shinning schoolboy, with his
"Rocket,"
And scornful open face, playing "old cat,"
And far away from school, then the re-
porter,
Roasting like a furnace, with a woeful
ball-ard
Made to his master's highbrow. Then
the umpire,
Full of strange sounds and wordless as
the wind,
Jealous in judgment, sudden and quick
in fine,
Seeking a bushy reputation
Straight from the player's mouth. And
then the magnate,
With wide-checked waistcoat and with
checkbook lined,
Full of league laws and ancient in-
stances.
Of how he played his part. The next age
shifts
Into the lean and lippy bleacher-bird,
With spectacles on nose and score in
hand,
His Wheeling's Pride, well chewed, a
For his loose lips, and his big, boasting
voice,
Turning again toward childish treble,
And whistles as he roots. Last scene of
Which ends this ballad and batty his-
tory,
Is second time fannishness and mere ob-
livion.
Fan's taste, fan's talk, fan's dope, fan's
everything.



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