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Plant trees. Tag always was a great game. Just four weeks since the terrible twister tumbled down on us.

No one has ever been able to dispose of a task by shirking it. Some day a melodrama may be written with an unhappy ending.

Britain Approves Course of Wilson, says a headline. What state is he from? With the base ball season open "in our town," life really seems worth the living.

Since W. J. Burns reached London the Britishers are trying to recall who Sherlock Holmes was. Off Gylfi is the new violinist to King Alfonso. No wonder the king successfully dodged that bullet.

Hon. Ty Cobb seems annoyed to think that base ball can manage to drift along a while in his absence. Both balls to bat; tar paper on deck—Baltimore Sun.

Johnny Bull may yet get ahead of the militant suffragettes if he learns to build faster than they can burn. The Chicago Vice commission decides against the morality of cubist art. It insists upon art being on the square.

If the Nebraska legislature of 1913 has done anything of which it is proud it will not take long to tell what it is. Our esteemed contemporary acts as if its preacher reformer co-defendant were not carrying his full share of the load.

Municipal Civil Service. As one of the pioneers in the advocacy of civil service reform, The Bee has long been committed to the application of merit and efficiency rules for appointment and promotion in the municipal service.

Omaha has made some headway in this direction, its police and fire departments enjoying practically permanent tenure, but the principle can be extended much further.

Having had trouble with some of its employees at Auburn, N. Y., the International Harvester company has adopted drastic means of making this country a better place for George W. Perkins' children.

World should not be so hard on Mr. Perkins. For it is a matter of record that the men most actively identified with the Harvester company helped finance the Wilson campaign.

Aside from that, however, the democratic free trade idea, of which the new administration is the embodiment, must not be confused with social justice.

The transfer of a factory from the United States to Germany in order to reduce the labor cost as proposed by the harvester people is exactly what the democratic free trade scheme would do in wholesale.

It is to be hoped that Secretary Daniels succeeds better than his predecessors in completing plans of naval reform, by the heralding of which so many have gone into office.

Until some radical reforms have actually been accomplished, however, the country is likely to exercise only moderate interest in Mr. Daniels' proclamation, remembering that it is little different than other new secretaries of the navy have made on entering office.

Recruiting the Political Army. If multiplying public offices secures good government, the state of California ought to become a model. Its legislature, out of 4,000 bills, has created more than 300 new jobs at fat salaries for the faithful.

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A Plea for Merit and Lobeck. The democrats in congress are making much of merit selection of committeemen. It is well and it would be better if merit governed all other selections, those, for instance, for the annual congressional ball game.

For Lobeck, though not so generally recognized, is one of the real ball players in congress. He was so good at one time as to have received flattering offers from big league managers.

McCutcheon in one of his cartoons offers some excellent advice to the present administration on the matter of "Abandoning the Philippines."

And if the first mate is wise he will ask the captain of the ship before he cuts the rope. The United States went into the Philippines, not impetuously, but with the solemn conviction that it should go in as a matter of duty and destiny.

An explanatory description of the design and plan for the proposed new \$10,000,000 court house for New York goes into great detail on the special arrangements to keep the judges from evil contact with the common herd.

A feature of the scheme is that separate elevator services for the public and the justices are provided. Once in the building the judge and the public never meet, for the passageway connecting the robing rooms, the justice chambers, the study alcoves and the library, are all absolutely separate from the public corridors.

From now till vacation the teacher will note a waning love for books and a growing desire for lighter employment on the part of the boy, for in springtime the boy's fancy lightly turns not to books.

From the remarks of Mr. Navin, president of the Detroit Base Ball club, one is justified in assuming that Mr. Tyrus Cobb, player of that club, will not have to ask any innocent bystander where he is expected to get off.

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Still, if Champ Clark and Secretary Bryan ever sat down to a friendly game, it would be dangerous for either to hold his cards below the table.

three dreadnaughts by France and thirty-six and seventeen by little Japan. According to this expert's idea, it is time to cease trifling, if we intend to maintain a navy at all, and provide an adequate one.

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Treasurer John Burke has taken formal possession Uncle Sam's cash box in Washington and given his predecessor a receipt for \$1,000,000.00. Evidently your Uncle Samuel doesn't whisper, "Never mind the change," to outgoing custodians of his pile.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha Compiled from Bee Files APRIL 20.

Thirty Years Ago—Because of the work of paving Tenth street the street railway has been run around by way of Ninth street, with some humorous incidents of people waiting for cars that never came.

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BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN. The devil and a man-made saint get on well together. A good brain is a good thing to mix with any business.

Some people fall because they spend their time in trying to catch a jackrabbit in a mouse trap. Things that are hidden from the wise and prudent are still being revealed to babes and sucklings.

Chicago Inter-Ocean: The ministers of Illinois and Chicago are talking of "fighting to a finish" the boxing bill in the legislature. Washington Post: The Detroit evangelist who is here with a recital of "Judgment Day Scenes" might acquire some fine local color by staying over for the tariff discussions.

Brooklyn Eagle: A frame church building complete with steeple and bell was presented by the floods to historic Blenheim Island. An nothing indicated the denomination that had lost it, anybody may worship there without risking an uncomfortable hereafter.

Springfield Republican: One church at Dayton was flooded to the depth of fifteen feet. "Bring shovels and broom instead of Bible and hymnbook," was the word passed around for last Sunday.

Brooklyn Eagle: Why should 4,000 Methodist clergymen in their old age be "in the shadow of the poor house," a church trust that would cut out waste, reduce the number of ministers, sextons, choir singers, organists and other helpers, cut down the size of buildings to fit scanty congregations, lower the ceilings to save heat and light, and otherwise promote the efficiency at the business end of the church management, would prevent this awful situation.

Prompting the Evil Spirit. Baltimore American. One of the worst features about the militant suffragette campaign in England is that it is educating the street mobs in revolution and evoking an evil spirit which will not be so easily laid.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS. "Teacher: My daughter Jane came home with her book to study. She said it was about angles and squares and oblongs. Teacher: You'll have to get busy and cut out that cubist stuff, an' this soon. Do you get me?—Jane's Mother."

"I saw Louman going home last night the worse for liquor." "Had a bigger load than he could carry, didn't he?" "I don't say that exactly, but I do think he's been a while to have made two trips after it."—Chicago Tribune.

"Well, said the baby's old bachelor uncle, 'I'm glad it's a girl.' "Why?" asked the nurse. "Wouldn't you have liked a little nephew?" "No. A boy might grow up and be willing to be supported by a wife who got a salary for dancing bare-legged in a musical show. A never could stand the disgrace of that."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"For a prescription clerk he doesn't appear to look his job at all." "Nope, not a bit. To begin with he's fat and full of fun, and seems to get around as much as a cigar drummer for a time with the trade."—St. Louis Republic.

"Our minister is a base ball enthusiast." "He doesn't show it in his sermons." "Why should he?" "Well, he ought to realize the advantages of the short stop."—Baltimore American.

JUST AS OF OLD. From an Old Number of Dodey's Ladies Book. Just as of old The moments come and go, The spring with its flowers, And winter with its snow, The hours pass away, The seasons warm and cold, And time rolls on today Just as of old.

But ah, how we change As the years come on anew, The heart grows strange That once was fond and true; And dear friends part, While others pass away, And sadly sighs the weary heart Day after day.

But just as of old The many stars appear, And grand his anger stand, As in some forgotten year; And flowers bloom anew, And rivers ever flow, Just as they did in days of yore Long, long ago.

But ah, how we sigh While hollering for the best, As years roll by; The heart will find its rest; But hove soon dies, And sorrow holds her sway, For many that we learn to prize Soon pass away.

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People and Events

Washington is preparing to pull off a "clean up day," inspired to action by the muss around the pie counter. An extraordinary drop in coal is reported at Glenwood, N. C.

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Texas wants to collect \$100,000,000 from the Standard Oil company as penalties for rudely swatting the statutes of the state. Ordinarily Texans would hesitate about reaching for the money, but the natives desire a summer vacation and some change is needed for incidental expenses.

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