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The tax collector'll get you if you don't watch out.

Men have not entirely ceased to sell their birthrights for messes of pottage.

Wonder if that Bryan-Clark reconciliation involved any agreements as to 1916.

Secretary Bryan does not stop in Omaha on this trip. There are no troublesome Japs here.

Illinois need not think it is the only fortunate state; Nebraska's legislators has also adjourned.

The umbrella manufacturers are concerned with the new tariff, evidently afraid of getting soaked.

Mr. Hearst would not dare to admit it even if he should ever discover that things were going exactly his way.

Mothers with young daughters that need careful training should take pains to tell them just the kind of cosmetics to use.

It's a little early to work up excitement in anticipation of the vote to be taken on university consolidation in November, 1914.

Kansas City police expose park spoozers at night with dark lanterns. Pretty soon we will not have an inalienable right left.

The old-fashioned farmer who used to "homeward plod his weary way" now skirts over the landscape in a handsome sulky plow.

The proposal to increase the tariff on imported noodles may be taken as a slam at the bettled foreign fortune hunter in America.

Before the United States rushes in to recognize the government of Mexico, Mexico will have established a government fit for recognition.

But, then, the poor householder who has to pay meter rates should not be compelled to pay extra for the leakage of that defective new main.

Secretary Bryan proposes to do all he can, evidently, to sober the democratic administration, even to the point of curtailing banquet festivities.

Seems strange no one has proposed Dr. Wiley for chief of the weather bureau, so that we might have pure and unadulterated atmosphere.

The country may admire the spirit of fidelity to a promise, but it must shudder at the possibility of the democrats redeeming all their pledges.

If our amiable democratic contemporary has decided in advance to fight the new home rule charter, no matter what it contains, one excuse is as good as another.

Legislatures have adjourned in a number of states without drawing from the governor a single veto. The Nebraska governor who never vetoed anything would be a mighty rare article.

"In the United States," says Henry Watterson, "the moral trend of our public life has been steadily downward for half a century." Oh, come, "Marse Henry," take off your blue goggles.

That reminds us, does that lawn sprinkling order still stand? Or, now that there are no flat rates, and all the water must go through meters, are householders free to use all the water on their lawns that they can afford to pay for at 35 cents a thousand gallons?

A General Clean-Up

Even good housekeepers have their spring cleaning campaigns, so it is natural that well regulated cities should. The mayor has proclaimed today as a time for a general clean-up, calling on all to co-operate to that end.

In the vivid vernacular of His Honor, the mayor, therefore, "get busy," we suggest, young and old. Omaha should do as well here again as with our united attack on the tornado debris.

Land Holding by Aliens

In the midst of this uproar about California's proposed law to prohibit the holding of land in that state by Japanese, the fact has been overlooked that other states have laws restricting land ownership, although, perhaps, not on lines of race or nationality discrimination.

Here in Nebraska, for example, we have had a law on our statute books ever since 1889 prohibiting nonresident aliens and foreign corporations from having real estate holdings here. This is the text of the law:

Nonresident alien and corporations not incorporated under the laws of the state of Nebraska are hereby prohibited from acquiring title to or taking or holding any lands or real estate in this state by descent, devise, purchase or otherwise, only as hereinafter provided, except that the widow or heirs of aliens who have heretofore acquired lands in this state under the laws thereof, may hold such lands by devise or descent for a period of ten (10) years and no longer, and if at the end of such time as herein limited, such lands so acquired have not been sold to a bona fide purchaser for value, or such alien heirs have not become resident of this state, such lands shall revert and escheat to the state of Nebraska and it shall be the duty of the county attorney in the counties where such lands are situated, to enforce forfeitures of all such lands as provided by this act.

It goes without saying that nonresident Japanese cannot legally own land in Nebraska, and if the legislator should take the word "nonresident" out, Japanese could under no conditions acquire legal title to real estate here, nor could they complain that they had been unjustly discriminated against.

Secretary Bryan might carry this suggestion from his own home state along with him as he goes on to California.

The First Good Boss

A. Maurice Low, the well known Washington correspondent, takes pains to say in Harper's Weekly that to President Wilson belongs the distinction of being the first good boss.

In which Mr. Low lays himself liable to very strong rebuke. He proceeds to distinguish between a boss and a "leader." What presumption! As if that were not all made plain in the campaign last year.

Mr. Low need not go about inviting trouble just because of his intense admiration for President Wilson and the new regime of bossism he has inaugurated. For that matter, if it needs to be told that Mr. Wilson is a boss, the editor of Harper's ought to be well enough qualified to do the telling, himself.

Those Base Ball Slaves

Solemn statements have arisen in the halls of congress in defense, forthwith, of the "base ball slave," shouting "down with the tyrant magnate," the player must be emancipated!

Good! Once the hot blood of righteous indignation is stirred in the veins of a statesman all is right. We feel sure, therefore, that the fugitive slave, Ty Cobb, will not be humbled and compelled to affix his honorable signature to another pitiful salary of \$12,500 for six months' service, and that Napoleon Lajoie, though an advanced veteran in the harness, will be protected in his right to the miserable wage of \$10,000 a season for seasons yet to come; that the Honorable Muggsy McGraw, who slaves away his bright young life for a mere bagatelle of \$20,000 a year as manager of a New York team, will soon be liberated from the shackles that bind him to the tyrannical contract, so that he can go out and command a reward more nearly commensurate with his sterling professional powers; that the lowly scribe, Chance, once put upon the auction block and sold for a farthing, will not long have to drag his chains for the pin money which the other New York club pays him—\$25,000 a season, plus 5 per cent of the net income.

Strength to the arms of the heroes in congress, who have gone thus to strike off the manacles that hold these men in bondage to a lot of heartless, dominating masters. A nation that has freed the black slave, is now freeing the white slave, may also be depended upon to free the base ball slave.

It is so extraordinary that it is telegraphed all over the country that a swindler has been trapped in the capitol at Washington trying to put one across on a congressman. Had the game been reversed it would hardly be worth mentioning.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—

The Young Men's Christian association gave a musical entertainment showing of creditably G. P. Wade of Boston, as an eloquent and reader, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanson and wife have deeded eight lots in blocks 13 and 16, Hanscom place to R. L. Garfield for \$50.

Paul Van Dervoort, as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is out with his general order for the observance of Decoration day.

Omaha jewelers are about to inaugurate a 7 o'clock closing movement. Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bunces were surprised with an elegant silver ice pitcher presented to them by their friends in the I. O. G. T.

The Academy of Music has been renovated for business under the management of S. M. Melip.

Articles of Incorporation have been filed for the Bohemian association with John Rosteky, J. J. Smoz and Frank Jellen, trustees, and W. L. Bodeca, secretary.

Among improvements scheduled are a block of five one-story business rooms to be erected by A. B. Huberman at Dodge and Fourteenth streets, and a three-story brick to be put up by Smith Bros. on Harney street just east of W. J. Broach's store.

Philip Hertzman has returned from Leadville where he has been for several months. Mrs. W. A. Paxton is back from a trip to Chicago.

C. L. Dunham, superintendent of the Missouri Pacific is at the Millard. An ad asks the finder of thirteen and a half dozen buttons lost on Dodge street between Fifteenth and Twenty-third streets to leave them at A. Cruickshank & Co.

Twenty Years Ago— War on World's fair rates was threatened in local railroad circles. Roads converging in Omaha had adopted the schedules agreed upon, but when the Denver & Rio Grande announced a rate of \$45 from all Colorado points to Chicago they threatened to bolt the agreement and precipitate a general slashing of rates, which, of course, would not displease the passengers.

Chris. Specht began repairs on the roof of the court house, the county commissioners making an appropriation of \$900 to cover the costs.

County Judge Eller had to leave the bench again on account of trouble with his eyes.

The "Bostonian" made a decided hit at the Boyd theater. Mr. Barnabee was a favorite in the sheriff and Mr. McDonald in many and musical Little Johnnie.

Former Mayor R. C. Cushing took out a permit to make \$2,000 worth of repairs to his fine new dwelling at 123 South Twenty-fifth avenue, which was badly damaged by fire.

James B. Callahan took out a permit to erect a dwelling at Fifteenth and Martha streets costing \$5,000.

Black Clay worejaded suits for men were advertised by the Nebraska Clothing company at \$19.95.

Ten Years Ago— George N. Hicks proclaimed that he wished it understood that he was not one of the boomers of Erastus A. Benson for mayor, nor was he booming anyone else; he was attending to his knitting in the real estate business as best he could.

A two weeks' mission was begun at Holy Family Catholic church, Eighteenth and Icard streets, under the direction of Fathers Devine and Murray.

Rev. Fred Hawley, secretary of the Western Unitarian conference, preached at Unity church. He said during his address: "We have stopped talking about a God or the God and are beginning to talk about God. And in that God we perceive the great force that animates the world."

Rev. R. M. Stevenson preached his farewell sermon as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. He resigned to devote his entire time to the financial work of Bellevue college, of which he was vice president.

Walter Phelps returned from St. Louis, where he spent two weeks. He secured the contract of erecting the Missouri state building at the World's fair and other contracts aggregating \$25,000. He said there had been no labor troubles in connection with the building of world's fair structures, but that there was an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with a good many workmen.

People Talked About

The fact that this is the thirteenth year of the century is as good as any other reason offered for the varieties of the weather.

Charles M. Vallandigham of Columbia, O., is writing the biography of his noted father, Clarendon Vallandigham, who was exiled in civil war times for his pro-southern views.

Mrs. Melissa Hodgdon of Sauc, Mo., is believed to be the oldest widow still working in the United States. She is 78 years old and has been working in the mills for fifty-seven years.

Registered at one uptown hotel in New York within a week have been Chester A. Arthur, Webb C. Hayes, J. R. and Abram Garfield, Robert T. Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., all sons of former presidents.

Colonel Edward J. Booth of Burlington, Vt. has just received from the Canadian government a draft for \$100 in payment for military service rendered during the Fenian raid at St. Albans, Vt., in 1868, where the late General John O'Neil commanded the bloodless Fenians.

In Other Lands

Capture of Struck.

Montenegro struck the first blow in the war against the Turk. To it falls the honor of receiving the surrender of the last division of the Turkish army beyond the peninsula of Constantople. Scutari was the prize for which the Black mountain warriors aimed at the outset, but the Turkish garrison, entrenched in mountainous parts, put up a defense surpassing in duration the record of Osman Pasha at Livna and that of Shukri Pasha at Adriopole. The fall of Scutari is a more gratifying "solatium" to the Montenegrins than the purse of \$400,000 offered by the powers to King Nicholas to raise the dog and retire. For the moment the joys of victory compensate for the sacrifice of brave men. But permanency is very doubtful. The powers have agreed that Scutari must remain a part of the upper states of Albania. King Nicholas denied the right of the powers to interfere in the operations of the Balkan war after once proclaiming neutrality. Threat of force served to whet the eagerness for victory. The ultimatum of the powers delivered a few days ago is now answered by the capture of town and garrison. How the powers will treat this unexpunged defiance remains to be seen. Possession is nine points of the law, but superior force knows no law other than the law of might when upstart kingdoms disobey orders. Reports from European capitals indicate considerable annoyance over the new turn of affairs, and lowering war clouds are prophesied for several days. Between the Balkan States and Turkey peace is assured. Turkey has nothing to fight for, if it had a fight left. But the Balkan war cloud has not dissolved. Besides the Scutari complication, there are rumblings of a row among the victors over the division of the spoils of war.

United for Loot.

Judged by the feverish increase in European armaments, military and naval, an impression of hopeless division among the Big Six powers is gained. Government officials urge vast budgets for military needs on the grounds of national defense. Impressing upon those who vote the money as well as those who pay the bills that patriotic sacrifice is an investment for national preservation. However much the Big Six question each other's professions of good will, on one vital characteristic they stand shoulder to shoulder. Deploring Montenegro of Scutari and the honors of war typifies their unity when territorial loot is involved. With the exception of Germany, five of the Big Six have territorial grabs in sight. Austria wants Albania as a buffer state open to suggestions and influences which will in time follow the road to annexation traversed by Bosnia and Herzegovina. Italy and France are gorged with fresh slices of north Africa. Russia has Mongolia and north Persia by the throat and Great Britain has southern Persia and Tibet equipped with spectacles through which they see in rainbow colors the superior charms of a British protectorate. The mills of the Big Six grind slowly and without friction when their wires do not cross and the victim is one of the little fellows.

Manufacturing War Armors.

Organized activities and systematic publicity of the war are the moving force behind the war alarmist condition of affairs in Europe at the present time. Military and naval leagues are the outward factories of the military spirit. Back of them are the interests which are enriched by the ever-growing demand for military and naval equipment. For them war scares help to fatten appropriations and increase business. A striking illustration of the system of manufactured war scares for business gain was revealed by Dr. Liebknecht, socialist leader in the German Reichstag. According to his statement, which was not substantially denied, the Krupp works, makers of artillery, and Deutsche Waffen Fabrik, had resorted to illicit methods to induce French newspapers to arouse an anti-German sentiment in France, with the object of creating an atmosphere which would facilitate the increase of armaments. The facts were laid before the German war office and an official investigation confirmed the charge, but it was passed off as the "indiscretion of a subordinate official" of the Krupp. Not unlikely the recent alleged "insult" to a small party of Germans at Nancy, France, was part of the war scare play. Yet for three days the alarmist German press pictured the Nancy fracas as an insult to the nation's honor. Similar methods kept the North sea invasion scare ablaze in England for five years. Factories of like caliber have worked overtime in the United States in recent times, producing more amusement than profit.

Belgium's Political Strife.

The strike of the working classes of Belgium, under the leadership of the socialist facilitator, equal rights at the ballot box, while only partly successful, carries a heartening message to workers struggling for political equality in other nations. Isolated efforts of similar nature have been made in Germany in recent years, resisted as usual by the government and the favored classes. Refusal of relief by the ministry was directly responsible for the substantial victory of the socialists in the last German election. Plural and triple voting based on property rights, one of the pillars of Toryism in Great Britain, is to be abolished and manhood suffrage ordained by the passage of the reform measure now before the House of Commons. In Belgium the franchise differs only in detail from the system by which reigning houses and their favorites entrenched themselves in power in Europe. "Class distinction is the worst of the system. The masses are mere burden bearers, of no consequence except as soldiers. Slowly, but surely, the uplifting masses, realizing their rights, are co-operating more and more aggressively in demanding equality in political affairs. It will take a few years to reach practical results from the strike in Belgium. Constitutional changes to give effect to the promised reform will require from two to three years' time. But political favoritism is doomed. The powerful lesson, as well as the experience, of a week's idleness signs the death warrant of a system which enable a privileged minority to outvote and dominate the majority.

Economy or a Vow.

Boston Transcript. It's hard to tell whether the abolition of those senate baths and barber shops was prompted by economy or because so many members of that body now are under solemn vow not to bathe or shave until William J. Bryan is elected president.

The Bee's Letter Box

Municipal Economy.

OMAHA, April 25.—To the Editor of The Bee. The editorial in The Bee entitled, "Where is the Money to Come From?" presents a thoughtful worthy of careful attention.

During a municipal campaign it is the fashion for the candidates to promise all kinds of good things for the city (if they are elected) and at the same time advocate economy and carefully avoid suggesting any increase of expenses or taxes. The way the candidates spoon out honey to their open-mouthed and credulous hearers is zoologically, if not politically, interesting, when considered in connection with the after-djection talk of the same men in which they say they are greatly hindered in every direction by lack of money, and they cannot accomplish much unless the people will consent to an increase of taxation, and that one of the chief needs of the city is to set the maximum limit of taxation higher and raise more money.

I wish to inquire of "the oldest citizen," whether he can give the name of any person in all the long list of men who have held the chief offices of this city in the past, who stood firmly for frugal economy and had no demagogic streak in him. If a list of such men could be made, it would be well to appoint a memorial day for the purpose of stopping all ordinary work to do them honor.

One of the very important questions demanding consideration by the charter commission is, shall we favor a higher rate of taxation, or shall we hold it down and proceed upon the theory that as the city grows larger and needs to spend more money the value of the property within its limits will increase at a ratio at least as great, and proper assessment will afford the basis for a sufficient increase of funds to meet all reasonable demands? Is the city "gittin' too big for its breeches?"

It should not be forgotten that although Omaha and Douglas county and the school district of Omaha are in a sense separate entities, yet for most part the levies of taxes by all three fall on the same persons and property, tax piled on tax.

It should be borne in mind, also, that the prudence to personal extravagance and wastefulness which is characteristic of American life exerts a constant evil influence on public affairs.

BETHAH P. COCHRAN.

Twice Told Tales

New Name. A carpenter contractor has been figuring on a small house for a prosperous European-American workman in an outlying district.

"Come up to my office," he said to the prospective patron, "and we will look over some plans in a book I have."

The young man came to the office and spent some time looking over the plans with the contractor, who finally inquired: "Have you thought anything about the kind of place you wish to build? What do you think about a nice cottage?"

"I do know," replied the young man, "but I think maybe we lika have nice bungalow."—Youngstown Telegram.

A Funeral Note.

There is at least one Boston banker who has a measured admiration for Thomas Lawson. "He is always full of quips," says the banker. "Not long ago I attended the funeral of a millionaire financier—one of those real 'high financiers' whose low methods Lawson loves to turn the light on. I arrived at the funeral a little late. I took a seat beside Lawson and whispered: 'How far has the service gone?'"

"Lawson, nodding toward the clergyman in the pulpit, whispered back: 'Just opened for the defense.'"—San Francisco Argonaut.

Loaning Faith.

Old Lady—I don't believe this sure-cure tonic is a-sin' to do me any good. Friend—It's highly spoken of in the papers.

Old Lady—Yes; but I've taken forty-seven bottles, and I don't feel a bit better. I tell you what it is, Sarah, I'm beginning to think these newspaper editors don't know everything.—New York Weekly.

Answered in Kind.

An army officer, noted for his bluntness of speech, rudely remarked in the presence of a clergyman: "If I had a son who was an idiot I would make him a parson."

"Evidently your father held a different view, sir," responded the clergyman, quietly.—Boston Transcript.

Prodding the Japs

Philadelphia Ledger: We don't mind Japan going on the rampage and singing war songs, but we tremble when we think of the effect on Hobson.

Boston Transcript: There are enough Oharas and Oyamas in Japan to lead to the suspicion that they are, indeed, not Mongoloids, but Celts.

Indianapolis News: And while all that anti-alien agitation is going on in the California legislature it may be that the San Francisco exposition management is becoming nervous and nervous.

New York World: After deliberately offending foreign interests in a few months to come there to the Panama-Pacific exposition and help boom the state by investing in property.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: Secretary Bryan advises the California legislature to "go slow" in the matter of the proposed alien land law, and President Wilson admonishes Governor Johnson to "stop, look and listen" before crossing the track in front of the Oriental express.

Philadelphia Record: The question raised by California alien legislation—whether the states of the union are bound by the treaty obligations of the nation at large—might as well be settled at this time as any other. It is a matter for the determination of the court of final appeal—the supreme court of the United States.

Noise-Makers Subdued.

Frisburgh Dispatch. The substitution of benches for desks in the house of representatives is proving in practice to have the effect which its advocates predicted, the chief result being more quiet. But it is not yet shown how many members spend more time over at the office building, where the desks are, to attend to their correspondence.

GRINS AND GROANS.

"Your long speech did not make very interesting reading," said the cruelly candid friend.

"It wasn't meant to," replied Senator Sorathum. "I try to make my speeches long enough to appear important, but not sufficiently interesting to invite criticism."—Washington Star.

"Has his responsibilities made him bigger?"

"Well, I don't know about it enlarging his size much, but his wife is getting fatter."—St. Louis Republic.

Mrs. Wyse—There are times when I wish I were a man.

Her Husband—Well, when, for instance?

Mrs. Wyse—When I pass a milliner's window and think how happy I could make my wife by giving her a new hat.—Boston Advertiser.

"Have you seen the new Mrs. Harrington?"

"Yes. Why in the world did a man of Mr. Harrington's age go and marry a mere snip of a girl, I wonder?"

"His first wife was such an aggressive, mannish sort of person that he may have thought he would like to try a womanette this time."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Whenever I propose anything at all, my wife invariably throws cold water on me."

"That's better than the way my wife does."

"What's that?"

"Keeps me in hot water."—Baltimore American.

A FRIEND WORTH LOVING.

Author Unknown. If you have a friend worth loving, Love him. Yes, and let him know that you love him ere life's evening Turns his brow with sunset glow. Why should good words never be said Of a friend—ill he be dead?

If you hear a song that thrills you, Binge by any child of song. Praise it. Do not let the singer Walk deserted praise long. Why should one who thrills your heart Lack the joy you may impart?

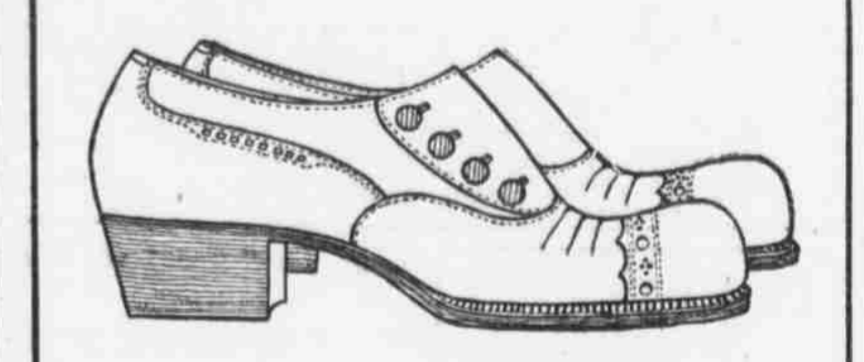
If you hear a prayer that moves you By its humble, pleading tones, Join it. Do not let the seeker How before its God alone. Why should not your brother share The strength of 'two or three' in prayer?

If you see the hot tears falling From a brother's weeping eyes, Share them. And by kindly sharing Own your kinship in the skies. Why should anyone be glad When a brother's heart is sad?

If a silver laugh goes rippling Through the sunshine on his face, Share it. 'Tis the wise man's saying— For both grief and joy a place. There's health and goodness in the mirth In which an honest laugh has birth.

If your work is made more easy By a friendly, helping hand, Say so. Speak out brave and truly Ere the darkness veils the land. Should a brother workman dear Falter for a word of cheer?

Rejoice that you're a friend of kindness. All enriching as you go— Leave them. Trust the Harvest Giver; He will make each seed to grow. So, until the happy end, Your life shall never lack a friend.



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