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Railroads at Their Old Tactics.

The railroads are making their customary protest before the State Board of Assessment, alleging that their valuations for taxation are too high as compared with other property.

Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

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Thirty Years Ago—At a meeting of the Board of Trade a committee consisting of Dr. George L. Miller of the Herald, Edward Rosewater of The Bee and Fred Nye of the Republican was appointed for the reception of the editorial excursion which is soon to head its way from Chicago.

Twice Told Tales

A Surrender.—On his eighty-fourth birthday Paul Smith, the veteran Adirondack hotel keeper, who started in life as a guide, and died owning \$1,000,000 worth of forest land, was talking about boundary disputes with an old friend.

The Bees Letter Box

Protection for the Birds.—NEW YORK, May 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: Members of the Audubon society are deeply interested in legislation relating to the protection of birds.

CHEERY CHAFF.

"I haven't seen Doc Billem for a month. Where is he?" "Home-sick-late supper-had lobster."

TO YE, DANDELION.

Twinkle, twinkle on the lawn, Dandelion, and then begone. Ere your white seed caps shall burst—For the major says you must.

APRIL CIRCULATION.

50,106

State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss: Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of April, 1913, was 50,106.

Howdy, President Buckingham of Ak-Sar-Ben!

In the meantime, Senator La Follette is saving wood.

Now if those dandelions were only daisies or violets, we would be singing another tune.

Over in England they talk of "expert militant fire bugs." We would imagine that fire bugs would have to be militant, whether expert or not.

Anyway, failure to toss some of those federal plums into the backyard of Nebraska democracy will not be due to a lack of hands up to catch them.

Perhaps our Water board is continuing to exact those "extortionate" rates just to make us place a higher value on the water which we get free in the downpour from the heavens.

Note is for many people a pleasant excitement, like strong drink.—Chicago Tribune.

Well, it's a concession anyway to admit that strong drink is a pleasant excitement.

The ukase has gone out that gambling slot machines in South Omaha must go. What, are there slot machines running in defiance of law within the jurisdiction of our reform democratic sheriff?

Our new ambassador to Japan is 62 years old. Of all places in the diplomatic service, that is the one where we ought to have a representative who is a live one, and up to snuff all the time.

It is high time for fire rates in Omaha to come down, at least to the extent of the penalty that was added for deficient water supply for fire protection. What are our business men's organizations going to do about it?

Down at Lincoln an injunction has been procured to keep the town dry two weeks longer, although it voted wet. Try to imagine, if you can, what would happen if some one got an injunction to keep the town wet for two weeks after it had voted dry.

Prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law is threatened to any concern that reduces wages and blames the reduction on the tariff. But suppose the tariff forces wage reduction in certain lines? How can it be a crime to tell the truth about it?

Those who dimly predict that the different elements of the republican party can never again be gotten together should recall the split between the silver democrats and the gold democrats, and then look at the president's cabinet made up of both varieties.

What an opportunity Governor Johnson has missed if he failed to arrange with a moving picture concern for a photo-play reproduction of a state executive giving a cold turn-down to the president of the United States and his august secretary of state.

Governor Morehead wants it distinctly understood that Election Commissioner Moorhead is in no way related to him, and seems to fear a false impression may prevail on that score. If the election commissioner is not distressed by the possible mistake, why should the governor be?

The outgoing city treasurer of South Omaha boasts that he turns over to his successor more money than he, himself, received from his predecessor. But is this really something to boast about? Correct finance would have a city pay its way as it goes without accumulating any large surplus except to meet impending demands.

Republican Reorganization.

That there will be some tangible steps taken toward republican reorganization along national lines has been plainly manifest ever since the last presidential campaign. It is natural and inevitable that something should be done to remove some of the causes of dissatisfaction responsible for defeat, and more particularly to prevent recurrence by making it certain that the next standard bearer may have an unquestioned title to his nomination.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the most feasible way to bring this about is to hold an intermediate convention to change the apportionment of delegates. By such change, representation in the subsequent nominating convention would be made to conform more closely to the party strength in the respective states and congressional districts, and the outcry against overweighted southern delegations stopped.

Just now a competition threatens over rival claims for the credit of starting the reorganization movement. Certain party leaders, chiefly United States senators, want it to appear that they first turned the wheels, although it will be necessary for the regular party organization through its duly constituted officers to inaugurate and carry through whatever plan may be adopted.

While the party door will, of course, be open to all who are ready to join hands again under the old banner, the qualification test for leadership will have to be sincerity of purpose, ability to inspire confidence and readiness to fight the battles ahead of us with patriotic and unselfish motives.

Service that Should Be Appreciated.

The retirement of Charles H. Pickens from the Ak-Sar-Ben board of governors, of which he has for years been president, is occasion to remind the people of Omaha that they do not fully realize, nor adequately appreciate, the service rendered to the community by a man in this capacity. As president of the Ak-Sar-Ben organization, Mr. Pickens particularly has been conscientious and assiduous in his devotion to its interests. To insure its success he has given time, energy and ability that could not have been bought for any amount of money, but he has given it all freely out of real public spirit and patriotic pride in the city.

The Election Commissioner.

In the appointment of an election commissioner under the new law enacted by the last legislature, Governor Morehead is to be congratulated on having gotten away from the ward-heeler class, for all will agree that his selection, Harley G. Moorhead, is a young man of unblemished reputation and good standing in the community. He has been regarded as a rising young lawyer, and made a creditable race for the district bench at the last judicial election. So the only surprise is that he should be willing to accept a salaried position that through the proper performance of the duties will take him completely out of his profession.

The expectation, however, that we will get "pure elections" over-night, that the contested election is now a thing of the past, and that every defeated candidate will hereafter be satisfied he has been honestly beaten just because the supervision of the election machinery has been turned over to an appointee of a nonresident governor is likely to be illusory. The new law may work some improvements—we certainly hope it will—but the millennium in elections is yet to come, and our best wish for the new commissioner is that his troubles will be little ones.

The point has been raised whether the appropriation for an armory at Nebraska City, against which the referendum is threatened, is really subject to popular review. The referendum clause of the constitution exempts from its operation appropriations for any existing institution, and advocates of the armory appropriation are trying to claim exemption for it.

We have about all the Asiatic islands we need at present, but if our seals need a few more for breeding purposes there are some still to be had.

People Talked About

The will of the late Judge William G. Hawkins, Jr., probated in Pittsburgh, disposed of an estate estimated at \$1,500,000 in a concise statement of 149 words.

There is talk in New York of the anti-suffragists pulling off a parade, but the streets are not long enough nor wide enough to accommodate the crowd.

A bunch of Indians in northwestern Canada worked off a fine assortment of salted mimes on credulous Americans. Once in while Poor Lo quaffs a mug of the wine of revenge.

An uncounted number of democratic patriots who went to Washington chasing a job have acquired superior knowledge of the curves of the national capital and are in great demand as guides.

Graft has invaded the sanctuary of righteousness in California's capital. A legislative report charges Frank C. Jordan, secretary of state, with having pocketed \$7,500 in automobile fees belonging to the state.

When Newell Shuman appeared on the street in Rockland, Me., recently he wore the tall hat which he bought at the time of his wedding, fifty-three years ago. In honor of that event he has worn the hat on each succeeding May day. Mr. Shuman is now 84 years old.

Ralph Butler of Dorchester, Mass., had 100 candles on his birthday cake the other day, and more than 50 of the family (some great-grandchildren included) were there to see it. He got congratulatory telegrams from a sister aged 85 and a brother aged 55.

When Miss C. E. Fisher, state deputy game warden of Kansas, found H. B. Stone fishing with more than one trotline she arrested him on a charge of violating the fish and game laws. This was the first arrest ever made by a woman deputy game warden in Kansas.

No doubt of it. Houston Post.

In spite of the lofty tone of Senator Works' denunciation of John D. Rockefeller, we believe there will always be people enough during his lifetime who are willing to take over all the money he wants to give away.

Peaceful Old Age Imperiled. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Everyone sympathizes with old King Nicholas. But there might be just a little sympathy for poor old Francis Joseph of Austria, whose dream of slipping peacefully into his grave is shattered by the frenzied politics of his ministers.

The Right Course.

The late Dr. Dowden whose "Life of Shelley" brought down on him a tremendous rebuke for snobbishness, was being discussed at the Franklin Inn in Philadelphia.

"Dowden's style was ponderous and somber," said a sonneteer, "but I often met him in Dublin, and his talk, unlike his writing, sparkled with very Irish wit."

"I once told him of my many vain efforts to swear off, and of my resolve, none the less, to make another trial."

"Right!" said Prof. Dowden. "Right! Turn over a new leaf. You needn't mention to anyone the number of the page."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Tonic for Pessimists

New York Financial Chronicle.

While the business man who is seized with fright every time he hears the tariff discussed, while the banker is complaining that the new wealth comes each year, wealth that must be moved and consumed.

Imagine what this wealth means to commerce of this country. Think what it represents to the prosperity of the nation.

It will be crops, nothing else, which will prove the saving situation for this country next fall. We may then have so much money as to become even indiscreet enough to buy automobiles. And the soup houses about which we hear the croakers talk so much will again fade away as a mere memory of 1912.

Worrying John Bull

Philadelphia Ledger: If these bomb outrages continue in England they'll have to force the militant suffragettes to wear uniforms so they can't hide 'em.

Baltimore American: John Bull is putting the suffragettes in jail. Uncle Sam is listening to what they have to say for themselves. At present, Uncle Sam is holding the chivalry record.

New York Sun: Prepared as we are to shudder over the atrocities of the English militant suffragettes, we are inclined to believe that some at least of the bombs found "planted" nowadays are in reality "plants."

New York Herald: Exquisite is the urbanity of the rector of St. Catharine's Church, Hatcham, England, who says of his burning: "I cannot ascribe it to any other than those delightful ladies," the suffragettes. Dear delights, England is finding them.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: It will be noted that Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, who is for peace at any price abroad, is following similar tactics at home. He spoke for and voted for the recent suffrage proposition which Premier Asquith and most of the cabinet opposed.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: It turns out that Lloyd George, whose house the militants tried to destroy by dynamite and arson, voted for suffrage just the same. But there were others who made the deduction that the suffragette pranks do not prove feminine qualification for the ballot. Undoubtedly Mrs. Pankhurst and her followers bear that bill.

The Chicago Pace

Having turned nude pictures to the wall and put ragtime music in cold storage, Chicago is pulling off a general clean-up of backyards and streets.

A joriding chauffeur convicted of running down and killing a pedestrian, was ticketed to Joliet for a stay of fourteen years. Chicago courts now regard recklessness with an automobile as criminal as brandishing a revolver or any other killing tool.

It has just come to light in Chicago that the Salvation army takes care of about 1,000 unfortunate girls every year without getting a front page headline or a legislative inquiry. The real doors make the least noise.

The Real Council Bluffs.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., May 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: Noting in the report of General Grenville M. Dodge's speech at the meeting of the Eagles in Council Bluffs, Ia., as the place where Lewis and Clark held their council with the Indians and that it had even then been known as the "council bluff," I dislike to differ from so good a historian as General Grenville M. Dodge, but must if one will refer to the published edition of Lewis and Clark's journal which is in the Omaha public library, he will find that Lewis and Clark did not hold their council with the Indians in or near where Council Bluffs now stands nor even on the east side of the Missouri river. Their journal distinctly locates their council on a bluff on the west side—the bluff on which Fort Calhoun was afterwards built.

This is also referred to in George Catlin's book with that story of his wonderful travels among the Indians and his remarkable drawings of them and their life scenes. You will also note that on George Catlin's return he writes that he visited the grave of the great Chief Blackbird who had been buried on a bluff on the west bank of the Missouri, sitting astride of a live white horse which the Indians had enwailed about and over-covered with soda. A badger, or some other wild animal had dug a hole in the top of the mound, exposing Blackbird's skull, which George Catlin records he took away with him.

I am still a lover of your city and the state of Nebraska, and I would most earnestly point out and defend the historical points that rightfully belong to them.

ABOUT DANDELIONS.—SOUTH OMAHA, May 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: As Omaha seems content on dandelion weeds I wish to suggest, although somewhat late, a much simpler and more efficient means of destruction than digging, and one that does not disfigure the lawn.

Gasoline is death to dandelions. In applying it, it is best to use an ordinary "spring bottom" machine oil can, holding one-half to one pint. Pour from one-half to two teaspoonfuls on the center of the plant. By the next day the plant turns brown at the center, and in a few days the entire plant is dead. It is equally useful in destroying "plantain," the next worst lawn pest. Care should be taken to not spill the gasoline on the grass, as it will kill it as well as the weeds.

L. S. GOULD.

Editorial Siftings

Springfield Republican: The greatest problem of maintaining peace by battle-ships is to build enough ships for defense without scaring other folks into building a few more. What's the answer?

Indianapolis News: The calamity howlers are surely playing in hard luck these days. Just now they are menaced by what promises to be the biggest winter wheat crop the country ever raised.

Washington Post: Sarah Bernhardt's joy at the thought of being a great grandmother is so intense that it requires great self-repression to keep her from kicking the globe off the chandelier.

New York World: The medical fraternity have many and various complaints to make of Dr. Friedmann, but the refrain to which they return after each new verse is the amount of advertising he gets.

Philadelphia Ledger: An ancient city, nearly 80 years old, is reported in Nebraska and an expedition is to dig up its ruins. This rather disposes of the popular belief that Nebraska was first discovered by William Jennings Bryan.

New York World: For the first time since the dedication of the Soldiers' National cemetery, in 1863, the Memorial day address at Gettysburg this year will be delivered by a southerner. A precedent which it is satisfactory to have established, even though belated.

St. Louis Republic: The Interstate Commerce commission's ruling that it is the duty of railroads to prevent damage to freight by freezing just as they protect freight from heat in refrigerator cars seems to call for the invention of a freight car that works like thermos bottles.

Washington Post: The railroads have not been getting a square deal from the public recently, but that is no reason for the railroads to turn around and kick the public. The Interstate Commerce commission in passing upon the new rates which will be filed will no doubt see to it that the railroads get exact justice—no more and no less.

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