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Are you registered so that you can vote in the coming primary? If not, why not?

The snakes driven out of Ireland by St. Patrick must have been reincarnated in Mexico.

All right, Mr. Groundhog! Having finished your hibernation, you may consider your quarantine raised.

Still waiting for the other Omaha papers to join in with The Bee to pull that much needed new Union depot across.

Though those Jacksonians missed their patron saint's day, they managed to wake up in time to get under the wire before St. Patrick arrived.

At any rate, the troops on the border must not be so inconsiderate as to catch Villa before the troops enroute from the interior posts catch up with them.

Even should the Russian bear Bagdad and the rest of the family, the event will not alter the determination heretofore to give the axe to the March lion's tail.

Despite the vocal thrills and frightful scares fashioned by oratorical uplifters, humanity plods along fairly well and manages to absorb the customary nourishment.

The New York court made short work of the trumped-up charges against former Warden Osborne of Sing Sing. Political animosities make little progress before an impartial court.

Indiana's senatorial vacancy brings Tom Taggart to the front as "the logical man" for the temporary job. By any other route than appointment the honor is beyond Taggart's reach.

Colonel Watterson renews his war cry: "On to Panama!" regardless of the condition of Mexican roads. The drumbats of Kentucky help to sustain the country during the silence of Oyster Bay artillery.

Fee-grabber "Bob" is pocketing several times more in fees these days than he is earning legitimately by the generous \$4,000-a-year salary. That's right, "Bob," make hay while the sun shines, for it won't shine on you forever.

Commend us to the candidate for democratic nomination for governor who has retired without making his withdrawal "in favor of" anyone. The candidate who imagines he can "deliver" his friends to someone else is apt to be fooled.

But if "Bob" were in "Bill's" place, it would be a fair guess he would be freeing fast to all the interest on the public deposits and going into court to contest the validity of the law requiring him to turn this interest money in as part of the public funds.

Former Secretary of War Garrison will remove his legal shingle from New Jersey to New York. The distance is a trifle, but the business prospects constitute an irresistible lure for legal talent. In other communities fees of a thousand or two look large; in Gotham they rank as moderate tips for law office porters.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee files.

St. Patrick's day was observed in Omaha by a grand entertainment given at the Boyd theater by the United Irish societies. The meeting was called to order by Hon. John A. McShane, president of the National Irish league.

The Thurston hose team returns from New Orleans flushed with success, but by some mischance were greeted only by reporters instead of by a brass band and delegation of citizens.

Frank H. Green left for Lincoln, where he will locate and enter into the real estate business.

C. L. Leslie of the Union Pacific headquarters has left for Pocatello, to take the position of assistant superintendent of the Idaho division, to which he has been promoted.

Miss L. Lorine Gibson was the recipient of a sprig of Shamrock from Phillipstown, King county, Ireland, sent by M. Lode of the Religious Order of St. Conletha.

Retirement of Von Tirpitz

Alfred von Tirpitz, admiral of the German navy and minister of the navy in the German imperial cabinet, has resigned and retired after half a century of active connection with the sea arm of the empire.

What the sea plans of Germany are has never been disclosed, nor does the present move afford any better basis for conjecture.

What is a Democrat?

An Omaha man has attracted a momentary flash from the spotlight by objecting to the name of William Jennings Bryan on the Nebraska primary ballot as a delegate to the St. Louis convention for the reason that he is not a democrat.

Meaning of the Water Works Figures.

The state audit figures it out that the Omaha water plant is properly chargeable with, in round figures, \$130,000 in taxes that would have been paid into the public treasury, under private ownership.

Public Health and Garbage Nuisance.

Omaha is again facing a problem that comes with every returning springtime season. It is the disposal of household refuse. From the time Omaha began to take on metropolitan proportions this question has been acute.

Poaching on Local Political Reserves.

Democratic candidates for state office, coming into Omaha seeking for votes, may rest assured they are welcome always, and that the hospitality for which the city is famous will not be stinted for them.

The presumption is that all the other army posts in this department have now been denied of soldiers as completely as has been Fort Crook and Fort Omaha for the last three years.

The Harp on Ireland's Flag

Each year as St. Patrick's day arrives public attention is drawn to the green flag of Erin and its harp of gold.

The color suggests the constant verdure of the island, the outdoor habits of the rural folk and the sunshine of life, which is reflected in each Irish heart.

In choosing the harp as their national emblem the sons of Erin were the symbol of their being into each Irish flag. The harp represents their early religious worship, both pagan and Christian.

The old story of Dagda, the pagan god, tells that once when the hero was walking by one of the beautiful lakes of his country he beheld a pretty damsel.

The success of this romance gave the incentive to other lovers to fashion similar harps until it was not long before the "old story" was set to music whenever a young chief went wooing.

Religion, romance and valor were still in the music, but after a while songs of everyday life crept into the soul of the harp.

During the eighteenth century the ravages of smallpox through Ireland left hundreds of the natives blind. Little children grew into manhood and womanhood sightless.

Of all harp tunes none was more famous than "Bliss Aroon," for Handel declared that he would rather have been the author of it than to have written the ballad of his own compositions.

Few persons realize when looking at Ireland's flag that the same musical emblem was suggested as part of our national seal.

In the six quarters of the shield were the rose of England, the thistle for Scotland, the harp for Ireland, a flower de luce of France, the imperial eagle of Germany and the Belgian lion of Holland.

The harp was probably in recognition of the thousands of Irish who migrated to the new world before the revolutionary war.



Milk Pasteurization.

LONG BEACH, Cal., March 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to thank you sincerely for the prominence you gave my telegram in your paper.

This mistake of your city milk inspector puts pasteurization in a bad light. The obstacles to my propaganda have usually come from such quarters.

I am on my vacation here trying to lead a quiet life, but if there is anything I can add to this explanation I will cheerfully do so.

Constituencies Spoke by Telegram. OMAHA, March 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: "J. B. H." in your letter box, insists that the recent vote in congress of the Nebraska delegation on the armed and therupon quotes what Senator Williams said on the subject.

We respectfully urge your vigorous protest and vote against any legislation permitting American citizens to travel on armed and unarmed vessels.

This telegram was signed by 229 representative Omaha citizens, many of them very prominent indeed in our professional and business community.

It would really be of interest to know whether "J. B. H." considers that the honor and self-respect of the United States does depend upon this administration's insistence on the right of American citizens to protect such cargoes against submarine attacks.

Moved to Satire. OMAHA, March 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: It really is inconceivable to me that local contributors to the Letter Box should continue to put forth such anti-American and demoralizing, deleterious, disintegrating and soul-retarding effects of such and addiction have been kindly and patiently set before them at recurrent intervals.

How, Mr. Editor, can we reasonably expect The Bee's Letter Box to "grow with growing Omaha" under such abnormal and retrograde conditions?

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See Sheridan and die! For then the summit of earthly bliss will have been attained. See Sheridan and die! For nothing worthy of human attainment will remain.

Editorial Snapshots

Brooklyn Eagle: Congressmen who refuse to run for re-election because they cannot support the president are always surprised to find that their constituents acquiesce so readily.

New York World: Census figures show a decline of more than 25 per cent in the death-rate from tuberculosis between 1904 and 1914.

Boston Transcript: The refusal of Justice Hughes to become a candidate in Massachusetts shows he is standing now precisely where he stood in Nebraska last November.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Lord Robert Cecil makes it clear by saying British instructions are that "merchant vessels must not attack unless a submarine shows unmistakably hostile intentions."

Now my dear, you must be consistent in politics. Always vote the same way. "How absurd," retorted his wife. "I voted in a blue suit last year. You don't expect me to do that again?"—Pittsburgh Post.

SAID IN FUN.

"Why do you women insist on going to bargain sales to get something for nothing?"

"Is your husband working now, Mandy?" "Yes. You'd ought to see him in his new uniform. He's advertising manager for a painless dentist."—Browning's Magazine.

DEAR MR. KIBBIB, EVERYTIME I CALL ON MY FLANCKE HER FATHER GOES OUT—WHAT IS THE REASON? MAYBE HE LAUGHS TOO LOUD!

"Papa," said Jamie, "the reason there's so many laws is because there are so many lawyers in the legislature, isn't it?" "Yes," said his father. "Bed for yours, now!" "Just one more question, papa," said Jamie. "Why are there so many taxes when there aren't any taxidermists in the legislature?"—Judge.

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