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Any St. Patrick's day hang-over must be finished by tonight; tomorrow is Bryan's birth-

The esteemed policy of 'watchful waiting" has been transformed from a theory to a con-

Well, if the former secretary of state is not a democrat, how can our democratic senator file as a populist and get away with it?

The retirement of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz leaves General Carranza the most conspicuous bewhiskered figure in the war belt.

Following the example of our secretary of war, the French minister of war has also resigned, but no necessary connection of cause and effect.

Who is he? Why, he is a democrat who commends the senator's record, without any ifs or ands-that ought to be a complete answer to the question.

Omaha is surely growing when we are called upon to vote a \$1,700,000 good roads bond is-The biggest bond proposition ever put before our people before stopped short at \$1,000,-

A quarter of a million Irishmen are serving nder the British flas, according to official figures. A pretty good showing for a people who have no particular reason for upholding the Union Jack.

The fighting in the trenches has become of secondary importance to the foot race across the Mexican mountains. Those folks over in Europe ought to declare a truce until they can command attention again,

The Mexican venture brings to the recruiting offices an abundance of recruits eager for s hand in the scrap. After all, preparedness is not a question of readiness to fight. It is the more vital one of being fit to fight.

If every party patriot who doubts the democracy of Mr. Bryan were conscripted to the hearing, Secretary Pool would be obliged to adjourn to the great outdoors. No building in the state could accommodate the crowd and the hammers,

The tariff on sugar stays, If we recall rightly. The Bee made that prediction at the time our democratic friends ordered sugar put on the free list, only the back-tracking came sconer and more unanimously than anyone expected.

Primary petitions threaten to overflow storage facilities at the state house. The deluge has a bright side, however, A rising demand for waste paper promises to relieve the congestion and turn an honest dollar or two into the

It is really too bad the old water company was not holding up its patrons for 50 cents a thousand gallons at the time the city took over the plant, for, in that case, our Water board might boast of saving water users twice as much money, or as much as they are now actually paying. It would take no more pencil dust to figure it this way than the other way.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

The famous Lauer murder case went to the jury at 5:20 in the afternoon and everybody is on the tip tos of expectancy. Five women, so anxious to obtain mais, ate their breakfast in the court room at 7 o'clock in the morning, and during the noon recess over 300 people took lunch without leaving their scals in the

A prospective line of cable street railway is halled as a great thing for Omaha. A quiet meeting of these interested in the project, held at the Paxton botal, discussed plans already drawn up by Mr. Beil, foreman of the Paxton & Vierling Iron works, and two practical angineers from Chicago were also prosent in an advisory capacity. The plan calls for a line ing from Tenth and Dodge to Thirty-fifth, south to Harney and east to Tenth, then back to the start-

John Boyd, superintendent of the stock yards, went to Denver on business.

A quist wedding united in marriage George Jeffery and Miss Mattle B. McCray, Rev. W. J. Harsha persermed the ceremony at the bride's home, 63 South

The deal for the purchase of the Omaha Nail works one completed on the agreed price of 100,000. The new company which takes it over is made up of William Mayen, a wealthy man from Syracuss, N. Y.; G. "2. Walker, I. S. Hascall, George Towle, W. M. Mc-Candline and several other Omaha men. The capital stock is \$150,000, with \$120,000 paid in.

Not So Much a Parallel as a Precedent. Senator Lodge in addressing voters of Massachusetts compares President Wilson's administration to that of James Buchanan, a comparison that is apt in many ways. The course of the administrations does not run exactly parallel, but that of Buchanan is a good precedent for that of Wilson. Buchanan was dominated up to the closing hours of his term by the influence of the south. In all his public life he had been a sympathizer with the southern dogma, an ardent champion of state's rights, a defender of slavery, and while president was complaisant at least when the plotters were laying the plans that later burst into rebellion. At the crists he was inclined to yield to the demands of the South Carolinians, who had demanded that the property of the United States be turned over to the state and the federal troops be removed. It was the resignation of Lewis Cass and the coming into the cabinet of John A. Dix, Jere S. Black and Edwin M. Stanton that stiffened the Buchanan backbone till it was firm enough to spare the country from the shameful record of surrendering to a rebellious state.

Mr. Buchanan temporized when he did not yield to the southern democrats; the faction that controlled the country then controls in congress now. President Wilson is dependent on it, and he has followed the Buchanan example by, from time to time, shifting his position on important issues. His course so far has been that of the opportunist, without definite purpose save to take advantage of any favoring turn of circumstance. This uncertainty of policy has been the outstanding feature of the Wilson administration, and on it the judgment of the people and the future will be based. The country is coming to understand the failure of the democrats to make good on their promises, and of the president to be a real leader of his party, let alone of the people. The decision will be made on performances, and not on pledges.

Strain of War Shaking Cabinets.

The retirement of Admiral von Tirpitz from the German imperial cabinet is followed immediately by rumors of the approaching retirement of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, indicating that the strain of war is being felt by the statesmen of Germany as well as of the other countries of the world. From France comes report that Joseph Simeon Galieni has given up the portfolio of minister of war because of ill health, while in the House of Commons Premier Asquith and Navy Minister Balfour are being made targets of violent attacks. No other war in all history has been so great a tax on the world. Not a nation has been enabled to escape the effects, direct and indirect of the great conflict. Not alone have complications incident to the struggle arisen to perplex the responsible cabinets, but the politicians have seized the opportunities to add to the embarrassment of governments by pressing for partisan advantage. These are as pernicious in Europe as in America, and even the presence of war will not check their activity. It is part of the price people must pay for the privilege of sharing in government. Patriotism will survive in the end, as it always has, but the demagogue will also have his day, as he always has.

Nebraska Hogs.

A story to gladden our hearts is that printed in the St. Joseph Gazette, which tells of a Nebrasks farmer who sold a load of hogs on that market for \$1,600, He had kept the animals less than a year, they being 8 months old when put upon the market, yet averaging 220 pounds in weight and bringing \$19.25 each. Commenting on this shining example, the

Some few years ago the farmer who would have expressed belief in his ability to put an 8-month-old pig on the market at 230 pounds would have been pitied by his rural neighbors; they would have wondered whether the heat or business worry had caused his mental breakdown. Had he boasted that some day he would do that very thing, and would receive \$8.35 per hundredweight for his pork "on the hoof," his neighbors would have hurried him off to the asylum ore he did harm to himself in his ravings.

What is further emphasized is that the \$1,600 of hog money represents but one of the products of the farmer's plant for the eight months' period of time, during which he doubtless put out some valuable dairy stock, sold some high-priced poultry and poultry products, and marketed vegetables and fruit, all of which, however, were but side lines to the main crops of corn, wheat, small grain and hay. Other states may be able to match the Nebrasks hog, but it's dollars to doughnuts they can't beat it.

New Test for the Anti-Trust Law.

The operations of the combination that has now a monopoly on the supply of sisal, from which binding twine is made, presents a new problem to the federal authorities. That it is a combination in restraint of trade is admitted; the pussle is how to catch it with the law. The operations of the trust are financed by American money, but are carried on in Yucatan. Being under the protection of another government, it would appear to be out of reach of the United States court. Conditions in Mexico are too greatly disturbed to make possible any movement through the government of that country for relief. It is unlikely that the Mexican government would give any help if it might. The growers of sisal in Yucatan are profiting to some extent through the increased prices, while the Americans who have manipulated the deal stand to gain enormous profits from it. In the mean time, the American farmer will pay the price and wonder at the efficiency of the administration.

American opinion of General Weyler just before the Spanish war was not sufficiently flattering for preservation in the family scrapbook. Later, when Weyler concentration methods were copied in the Philippines, American sentiment shifted to respect and subdued admiration. The long shadows now darkening his life no doubt will increase respect for military methods distinctly humane compared with war as carried on today.

The rush of primary filings dispels the fear of some attractive jobs going by default. The too common charge of lack of interest in public affairs is thus proven groundless. With two or more aspirants for each place, and some over, the country may confidently challenge the world to show greater devotion to the government or unselfish readiness for public service.

Mexico

Renry Cabot Lodge, Address before Republican Club of Lynn, Mass. HERE, to begin with, is Mexico. What a tragic spectacle! And the responsibility for the conditions in Mexico rests largely on the government of the United States. The present administration found Mexico and Mexican relations in a bad condi-They have made these had conditions infinitely They found a de facto government, under General Huerta, in control of the capital and supported by the great bulk of the Mexican population, although not in control of certain large areas of the republic. The president, for some reason, took a personal dislike to General Huerta, on good grounds, possibly, but personal dislikes have no place in diplomacy or international relations. There were good international grounds on which he could have withheld recognition from the Huerta government, but there is a very great difference between refusing recognition and active

Huerta would not depose himself, as the president requested him to do, and so the president determined to intervene and put him out. It is wholly proper to refuse to recognize a government in another country, but it is direct intervention to say that you will not recognize a government because a particular man la at the head of it. The expedition was sent to Vern Cruz nominally to secure a salute to the flag, which has never been given, and haste was urged in order to prevent the landing of a cargo of arms from a German vessel for the Huerta government, which were in due time delivered to that government. Nineteen American sallors and marines were killed and a hundred wounded in taking Vera Cruz, and several hundred Mexicans were killed or wounded. It was war against General Huerta, a successful war, for at the same time we raised the embarge and allowed the opponents of General Huerta to import arms from the United States. General Huerta was driven from power and the president's war against General Huertz culminated in complete victory by the imprisonment of Huerta in a Texas jail and his death in consequence.

The result in Mexico was the destruction of the only rovernment that offered any prospect of order or peace or responsibility. The murderers and bandits favored by the administration in preference to General Huerta, who was also a murderer, have been desolating the country and fighting among themselves ever since. Property has been almost entirely destroyed; industry is at a standstill; the people in many parts of Mexico are starving, and there is no end to it yet. But out of this miserable tragedy of Mexico one thing arises and commands our attention above all others. Americans have been murdered in Mexico; soldiers wearing the American uniform have been shot on the soil of the United States. The administration admits that there have been 112 such murders since they came into power. There were a good many before that time and there are a good many not included in their lists. It is, I believe, speaking within bounds to say that some 400 Americans have been killed in Mexico. If you add those who fell at Vera Cruz you will find that more American lives have been lost in Mexico than were lost in the Spanish war, under the operations of the president whose great giory is proclaimed to be that he has kept the peace.

We all want peace, we all are against war if it can possibly be avoided; but we shall insist, we republicans at least, that American rights shall be protected at home and abroad, in Mexico and on the seas. The citizen owes allegiance, owes every sacrifice, even the sacrifice of life, to his country; and the country owes to him, while he obeys her laws, protection in every right that he possesses.

Twice Told Tales

Landing on a Lord. The marquis of Aberdeen, now with his wife, Lady Aberdeen, in this country on a sociologic visit, was some twenty years ago governor general of Canada and during his term of office one of his particular delights was to travel about the Dominion and the United States incognite to the limit. The marquis loves to tell a joke on himself no less than on some victim and he tells this one with much glee;

During one of his trips he was on a Pullman somewhere in our northwest when a raw westerner went at him for talk.

"Stranger in these parts" said the native for an opening.

"Yes, rather."

"Fine country this is, don't you think?"

Yes, rather. "Looking for anything?"

"Well, perhapa." "Land, maybe?"

"Perhaps." "How much money have you got to spend?" "Oh, I can't say exactly, don't you know, but about

rifty thousand dollars a year."

(This is the salary of the governor general.) The westerner threw up his hands in astonishment. "Good Lord, man!" he exclatmed, "if I had as much money as you've got and snored like you do, I'd hire a private car."-W. J. Lampton in Judge,

Both Happy.

A minister meeting a parishioner of his who had been quite recently married; and about whose domestic happiness terrible stories were rife, saluted him and

"Well, John, and how is all going on?" "Oh, happy enough," returned John.

'I'm glad to hear it. You know, there were rumors

"Rows," said John. "Oh, yes, there are plenty of rows; whenever she sees me she catches the first thing at hand, a dish or anything and fires it at me. If she hits me, she's happy; if she doesn't, I am. Oh, we're getting on fine. "-London Tid-Bits.

True Prophet.

One of the attractions of the church fete was a fortune teller's tent.

A woman took her 10-year-old red-haired, freekled son inside. The woman of wisdom bent over the crystal ball.

"Your son will be a very distinguished man if he lives long enough!" she murmured in deep, mysterious

"Oh, how nice!" gushed the proud mother. "And what will be be distinguished for?" "For old age," replied the fortune teller, slowly .-

People and Events

A man who accidently dropped a flask of whiskey from his pocket and smeared the floor of the court house at Harrisonville, hy., won a \$10 fine as a pen alty for carelessness and waste. The champion marrying squire of Danville, Ill.

Henry J. Hall, scored his two thousand five hundredth couple this month. Danville's fame does not rest wholly on voting for Uncle Joe Cannon. Japan is reported to be producing Shamrocks and

siling them to Milesians as genuine "Springs of the Ould Bod." Probably this accounts for occasional outbursts of Irish indigation toward the allies. Lucio Sernia of San Francisco is the latest cornpetitor for the big family championship. Lucio is the

father of twenty-four children-twenty-one girls and three boys-ranging in age from I month to 26 years. The original "Wild Man of Borneo," is dead in Ohio, where he was born. In the heleyon days of Barnum, he pulled down \$2,000 a year and keep for

drawing the kids and giving father an evening out, A giddy middle-aged merchant of Buffalo, N. T. blew into New York for spring goods, wandered whither the lights blased, hovered around a stage door and essayed to soothe the tears of a dames! hungry and without the price. When he came out the trance next morning he was out \$1,000 and all his jewelry. Then he told the police how easy a fool and his money part company



Hughes for President.

CAMDEN, N. J., March A .- To the Editor of The Bee: I am a republican of the Abraham Lincoln type. I believe in horough organization. I read the Phila delphia North American because it publishes the truth about the administration hrough Angus McSween. The North American is for Roosevelt, but I find wherever I go the people are for Hughes. The enclosed cutting I read in the North American, and I read it with much recicing, because your purpose is directly accordance with public demand. the nomination is placed on Hughes without consideration of his wish, he not for a single instant lose sight of the truth, that his mission is divinely endowed. He can mere quickly and effectually reunite the good thinking people; return the controlling power of this country into the hands of the party, whose legislation made us, of all others, the greatest country known to civilization, the grand old republican party, and thereby restore to our nation the honor of our country and flag, which through the vacillating policies of the present administration have lost to us as Ameri-

Let the delegates from Nebraska go into the convention and name Mr. Hughes as a candidate, and a stampede will follow such as never before was known to occur. We can elect him hands down, and I would be willing to add to my itinerary any work that the national committee might feel justified in placing upon me. I am for the successful candidate of the Chicago convention, but let it be Hughes. His renomination removes all doubt. Hoping you may be crowned with success in executing your purpose, I am, GEORGE E, STARN.

History by Jeremiah. FREMONT, Neb., March 15.-To the Editor of The Bee: J am very much interested in the article on army conditions by Major General George H. Harries in yesterday's Bee, and especially so on his emarks about the history of the future. That history is already written-written 5% years before Christ by one of Jehovah's historians. Jeremiah looking down through the ages in this time of spiritual Babylon foresaw the situation and gives us to see the result of our unprepared-

Now it is a waste of money and effort to undertake to put the country into a sufficiently prepared condition for defense. We simply have not the time. In my judgment that prophecy of Jeremiah I-12 will be history within eight years. He says that we, the United States, or, in his words, "the hindmost, the last to arise of the nations, shall be a wilderness." If the people could only get awake to the fact that all of the nations of the earth are to partake of this time of shaking and quit figuring on which one's greed would come out of it with the most gold, then there might possibly be a chance for more of them to escape the awful time in the future. There is still thirteen years of this time of trouble.

This present war will probably end by the middle of 1917. I base this conclusion on the fact that before 1919 there is to be a formation of a ten-kingdom confederacy in Europe, covering the same terri-tory of the ancient Roman empire. That which we now see ends the ottoman or Turkish government and opens the way for the return of Israel and their kingdom. P H. WINTERSTEEN.

Of Course, Wooster's Agin It. SILVER CRISEK, Neb., March 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: I venture to affirm that not one solitary loyal, patriotic citizen in the whole United States, if we would stop to think, should approve of Wilson's order that our troops should invade Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his band of cutthroats, and for many reasons, a few of which I here state in

1. President Wilson, as the matter stood then, and as it now stands, has no lawful authority whatever to order our troops into Mexico, congress not having declared war. The passage of our troops into Mexico for such purpose and under such circumstances, would be an act of war which none but a nation utterly weak or utterly pusillanimous would for

an instant tolerate. 2. For this unlawful invasion of territory by Villa and his band, Wilson should first demand full and complete satisfaction from the Mexican government which he, himself, had only recently formally recognised. In the event of failure to obtain such satisfaction, then would have been time enough to talk about taking the matter into our

own hands 3. Such an invasion of Mexico would be a piece of blank idiocy. Villa and his men would not be caught by our forces but at the expense of millions of dollars; many more Americans and many innocent Mexicans would be killed finally, in all probability we would be forced to make another ingiorious sneak out of Mexico without having accomplished our purpose, just as Wilson sneaked out of Vera Cruz in 1925-either that or to remain for the purpose of overrunning and conquering the entire country, which, incidentally, would put us in a most excellent state of preparedness, to resist an attack from England or Germany at our back door. What a beautiful opportunity, too, it would afford Japan to seize the Philippines and the Sandwich Islands and to send an army corps to help the Mexicans resist us in consideration of a slice of Mexican territory.

4. As Mexico is weak and defenseless. so should we be great and magnanimous And why, for the lawless act of a bandit, should we swell up and play the part of a big bully toward our sister republic, when, for the equally lawless act of a kaiser, as Wilson would look at it. in sinking a great passenger ship, we can only bluster and talk and dawdle and delay?

5. To invade Mexico, as proposed by Wilson and favored by Bryan, is to grossly violate the spirit of these arbitration treaties negotiated by Bryan and Wilson with nearly all the nations, and places both them and us in a most unenviable light before the world.

6. It cannot be successfully maintained that President Wilson has a right to invade Mexico, as proposed, by reason of his recent agreement with Carransa as to the reciprocal passage of troops, for that agreement, in substance, is a treaty and nothing clas; but it has not been concurred in by the senate as the constitution requires, and is therefore of no logal force and effect whatever. In making such an agreement, or treaty, and assuming it to be complete without the concurrence of the senate, President Wilarrogates to himself the whole treaty-making powers of the government. To uphold him in his present course is to approve of this plain violation of the constitution and of his own official onth that he would to the best of his ability "preserve, protect and defend it."
And I will here add that for these acts

of usurped authority President Wilson should be at once impeached and turned out of office. For violating an act of congress made

for the purpose of keeping its partisans in office against the will of the president. articles of impeachment were preferred sgainst President Andrew Johnson, and he barely escaped being turned out of office, but now, fifty years inter, when President Woodrow Wilson violated the constitution itself by ignoring the senate and the congress and arrogating to him self the treaty and war-making powers of the government, not even one senstor or congressman can rise in his place and utter a protest, while I, a private citizen who dares to say a word for that con-attitution for which he once shed his blood, will be charged with disloyalty and have, metaphorically, rotten eggs throw at me by men who more lightly

tage of liberty. But as one robin does not make spring, neither is it to be presumed that one president can destroy his country.

CHARLES WOONTEN.

prize a fat office than our common heri-

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Mrs. Willis-Man is a strange creature.
Mrs. Gillis-Isn't he? He bellows on
weekdays because he doesn't get enough
to eat and bellows on Sundays because
he eats too much.—Puck.

There is certainly one odd thing about fishermen's stories."
"What's that?"
"When they talk of their big catches, they don't seem to know when to draw the line."—Baltimore American.

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Bacon-You know Rome wasn't built in Egbert-No: there seems to have been a lot of "fiddlin" then, too.—Yonkers Statesman.

Walter-Haven't you forgotten somewater-laven't you torgotten some-thing, sir?

Diper-Why, I thought I gave you the customary tip.

Waiter-You did, sir; but you forget to eat.—Boston Transcript.

THE OLD SOD.

Wilbur D. Nesbit. Wilbur D. Neabit.

We've brought it from th' old land an placed it in th' new—
Would we could bring ve Erin's winds an Erin's sky of blue.

Fr Erin's winds are singin' sweet an Erin's winds are singin' sweet an Erin's sky is fair.

In all th' world there is no wind an sky such as is there.

But here are Irish welcomin's that wit' rich cheer soound—
An' never man in all th' world has stood on better ground!

on better ground!

Th' noddin' shamrocks whisper of th' winds that swept th' sea

An' sint into th' hearts of men th' faith that they'd be free—

O, had ye ears to hear th' words they say to Erin's sons!

O. could ye sense th' melody in every breeze that runs

Across th' breadth of Ireland, till each true heart is found!

Stand firm upon this good old sod—there is no better ground!

Here kinss have stood, and men have stood—'twas naver place for slaves!' The of a piece wit' that which grows above the patriots graves; 'Tis kin to all th' sod that spreads above this blessed land.

With lears of dew for graves of thim that dared th' tyrant's hand.

'Tis God's own sod—the' same as grows above each hallowed mound.

No man in all th' world has ever stood on better ground.

We've brought it from th' old land an' placed it in th' new—
Th' green flag floats above it wit' th' old red, white an' blue,
An' both flags tell th' story of th' long unconquered years
When common ground was sanctified wit' blood an' wimmen's tears!
It spurned the traitor's foot, an' it has stanched th' patriot's wound—
No man in all of God's green world has stood on better ground!

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