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Well, does Omaha keep that Indian supply depot?

The one safe rule for a grouch is to keep it to himself.

Every little cold snap is warmly welcomed by the coal man.

And just to think, we used to deplore bull fighting in Mexico.

And the other little remnants of the feebag game must go, too.

Now that Old Man Winter has got a start, let him make it a go.

The short ballot would also shorten the sessions of the canvassing board.

"We are too rich," complains Thomas A. Edison. As the old dandy said, "Who's we?"

Not even the cataclysm of the late election was able to hurl Harry Thaw up from obscurity.

A Brooklyn poet has married his landlady. Still, even art must find a practical means of subsistence.

It begins to look more and more as if that one-term plank in the democratic platform were a work of supererogation.

Aviation has the call in both military and civil operations. Note the "flying squadron" and the other high flyers.

The new federal reserve banks are open for business and we shall soon see whether money is more plentiful and cheaper.

Every now and then some unusually thoughtful person recalls that Serbia was originally mixed up in this European war!

Despite the other landladies that have come and gone, we shall all welcome the avalanche of boom times as soon as it rolls in on us.

Secretary of State-elect Pool is the best living example we know of illustrating the little boy's copy book adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Mexico might secure peace and order by allotting a limited territory, say in northwest Sonora, as a private battleground for Villa and anyone he cares to fight.

"You must be prepared to die rather than yield ground." The French commander-in-chief's order is also his enemy's. On one point at least the contending armies are in harmony.

Wonder what has struck Collier's, for after its boost for our municipal ownership candidate for governor it comes out in its current issue with a terrific bump on municipally owned electric lighting.

Negro mass meetings throughout the country are protesting against the policy of the Wilson administration to draw the color line, and to give us what they call a "Jim Crow" government. And to think a lot of intelligent negroes were bamboozled into supporting the democratic ticket with their votes two years ago!

Another democratic justification is in preparation for next Saturday, with this committee in charge: Will Gray, Fred Borthwick, Dr. Darrow, Julius Meyer, J. J. O'Connor, C. R. Montgomery, Charles B. Keller, Charles Meigs and Warren Switzer.

Dorsey B. Hock has contracted to deliver all the express packages outside of limits, which are bounded by Leavenworth, Izard and Twentieth, for the United States, American and Wells Fargo Express companies.

Margaret Mather and Frederick Paulding are putting on "Romeo and Juliet" at the opera house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Eddy have gone to St. Louis.

E. C. Smead, assistant engineer of the Union Pacific, left for the Oregon Short Line, which he is now ready to turn over to the operating department.

Mrs. A. E. Kew, dressmaker in the Williams block, Fifteenth and Dodge, will take on some apprentices.

George P. Brown, Chicago Dry Goods store, 109-110 South Fifteenth, is trying to close out his stock.

Planet lodge, Knights of Pythias, gave an entertainment at Turner hall, preceded by a play, "Love by Lanterns" put on by the German stock company.

The committee in charge was Joseph Rosenfeld, Gottlieb Mack, Gus Wustreich, August Bohme and P. H. Wagner.

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Another Terrible Mare's Nest Explodes.

With the completion of the official canvass of the vote in Douglas county another terrible mare's nest is exploded. A few days ago a wonderful discovery was made by the Kearney Hub and gleefully reprinted by the Lincoln Journal, that would have been amazing, if true, but was so palpably preposterous that we preferred to await the authoritative figures to refute it for good and all. Let us first permit the Hub and its Lincoln echo to use their own language:

WHAT HIT HOWELL.

A remarkable story drifts out into the interior of the state regarding the election in the city of Omaha, which, briefly, is to the effect that there was a distribution of \$5,000 in \$2 bills among the floating population and supposedly purchasable vote of that city. The voter accepting the "gift" was expected to make just one mark in one single square on the official ballot, in order that there might not be any accidents in counting to vote the entire ticket. Having its curiosity aroused by this story, the Hub has looked up the Douglas county election returns and finds that the vote on governor is about 2,500 greater than on any other office voted on in that city, either for congress, legislative candidates or any other state office. Further investigation shows that the vote for governor in the state is about 15,000 greater than the votes cast for any other candidate or proposition, or just about the extent of Governor Morsehead's majority over Mr. Howell. Does this strike you as significant?

Now for the facts, easily ascertainable by adding up the votes cast for all the candidates under the respective office headings, which gives the following totals:

Table with 2 columns: Office and Votes. For governor: 34,913. For lieutenant governor: 24,248. For secretary of state: 34,067. For auditor: 33,921. For treasurer: 33,799. For superintendent: 33,300. For attorney general: 23,488. For land commissioner: 23,488. For railway commissioner: 23,488. For congressman: 23,488.

The difference in the number of Douglas county ballots marked for governor and for congressman is only 655 and the difference between the number marked for governor and land commissioner, whose total is the least in this list, is but 1,550. With an eight-foot ballot, voted by 25,000 people, this is not much of a discrepancy—in fact, we challenge anyone to show us 25,000 ballots cast in any other part of the state in which there is not a noticeable excess of votes for governor.

So far as any discrepancy is disclosed by these figures, it has an entirely different explanation from that which the Hub and the Journal so gleefully jump at. Realizing that he needed to be bolstered up here in his home county, the special friends of the republican candidate for governor in charge of the campaign organization provided the republican workers at the polls with a peculiar card to guide the voters. This card—and the paid workers were permitted to distribute no other—did not ask anyone to vote the republican ticket, or to put a cross in the republican circle, but gave a list of recommended candidates headed by Howell, then dropping to congressman, omitting all other candidates on the state ticket. Any voter who governed himself by this card would throw away his vote for all state offices except governor, and presumably that is what several hundred did, being measured by any falling off in the total below that scored for the candidates for congress. On treasurer, for example, the number of votes so lost might have been 500, but the suggestion that 2,500 ballots, or any other number, marked for governor alone, served as receipts for the distribution of \$5,000 in \$2 bills is a fiction of the yellowest order.

Come, Mr. Kearney Hub and Mr. Lincoln Journal, do the handsome by taking it back and apologizing.

One Touch of Winter.

Jolly Jack Frost has come leaping upon us after an unusually long period of Indian summer and his first frisky touch has made us all kilt. Nature has no single stroke that weaves a more widely harmonizing spell about us than this initial burst of cold weather. It sends us all alike on one mission bent—went over the coal pile. But this is once when we of the great Nebraska Orange belt will hardly have the effort to complain—not at this end of the winter. For we have had all the better of the bargain with the coal man thus far. What he may do to us later is beyond our ken now. But, on the theory that "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," that is not a matter to worry over yet. So much material compensation comes with the approach of cold weather, peculiarly so this year, that it is not apt to arouse many or loud murmurs.

Not Our Casus Belli.

What, if any, action the United States is to take in the matter of the French and British controversy with Ecuador and Columbia will not be determined until after the result of the State department's investigation of the charges implied in the notes sent by the two nations. As things stand now, the American idea is that this is an issue between the European and South American governments and not one that shall call for direct interference from us. The French and British notes indited Columbia and Ecuador on the charge of aiding German warships in violation of neutrality obligations. Both the European governments, in due conformance with diplomatic agreements with us, advised the United States of their action when it was taken. Thereupon Secretary Bryan ordered our diplomatic agents in the South American countries to investigate all the facts and report.

Very naturally, as usually happens in such situations, many of our own people leaped at once to the conclusion that the Monroe doctrine was involved by the French and British deliveries. That, however, is disputed by those who take the position that while the United States may commend the observance of neutrality obligations, it is not called on to compel any such action by Ecuador and Columbia. It is further believed that while a warning should, if necessary, be given these two little republics, it should come, not from the United States, but from France and Great Britain and their allies. It is well, in the meantime, for Americans to reserve both their feelings and the expression of them and not become disturbed over the possible involving of our sacred Monroe doctrine, about which there is, perhaps, more misunderstanding than anything else American.

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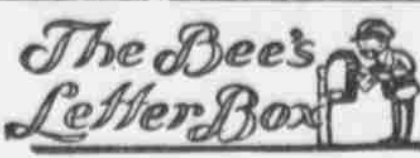
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Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Nebraska Safety League.

OMAHA, Nov. 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Nebraska Safety League is an educational organization formed November 19. Its chief aim is to teach the public at large to think of safety as the first consideration. The campaign will be conducted along educational lines principally, as it has been clearly shown, in other cities, that the greatest reduction in accidents has been made by teaching the public to exercise constant care and unremitting caution. The success of the public safety movement in some parts of the United States and Canada is ample justification for the work in this state. The number of accidents, fatal and non-fatal, occurring on the streets has increased to an appalling extent in recent years. This is due to narrow streets, congestion of traffic, the increasing use of motors and other fast traveling vehicles, together with the thoughtlessness of a large section of the public, both in vehicles and on foot. The Nebraska Safety League has the following objects and with the full co-operation of the general public, can do a great work in lessening the accidents upon our streets:

Safety first league hopes in the near future as part of its program to form a milk and baby hygiene association. The question of the cities' milk supply and its bearing on infant mortality is recognized as an important phase of the work of the league. Mrs. Adams of the Visiting Nurse association has signified her willingness to co-operate with any organization which has for its object the reduction of infant mortality.

The work is of vital importance to every man, woman and child in this state, and all may assist in the crusade.

NEBRASKA SAFETY LEAGUE. Organizer—Mrs. J. W. Crumpecker. President—Mrs. Edward Porter Peck. First Vice President—Mrs. William Archibald Smith. Second Vice President—Mrs. Janet M. Wallace. Third Vice President—Mrs. L. F. Crofoot. Fourth Vice President—Mrs. Gerrit Fort. Secretary—Mrs. Charles C. George. Treasurer—Mrs. Frank T. Hamilton. Board of Directors—Mrs. Henry W. Vales, Mrs. John C. Cowin, Mrs. T. J. Mackay, Mrs. Arthur C. Smith, Miss Jessie Miller, Mrs. John H. Butler, Mrs. J. W. Griffith, Mrs. W. H. Koenig, Mrs. John I. Webster, Mrs. M. C. Peters, Mrs. E. G. Donner and Mrs. Charles F. McGraw. Headquarters 538 Bee building, Omaha.

Editorial Snapshots

Brooklyn Eagle: When the United States of Europe holds its first election for president it is a safe bet that no man with dynamic blood in his veins will be on the ticket.

Philadelphia Ledger: When Secretary Bryan presents plowshares made of swords to his colleagues in the cabinet he does not intend to insinuate that they have bayoneted in their hair.

Washington Post: Turkey regards Great Britain's title to the Suez canal a mere scrap of paper. It should ask Germany what it thinks of the Belgian scrap before starting anything it cannot stop.

Louisville Courier-Journal: "Why do so many persons use gas to commit suicide?" Because, you fathead, the sting of death is relieved by the reflection that here's one gas bill the company cannot make you pay.

Washington Post: There's nothing more marvelous than the English language; for instance, the cool million which a Brooklyn bank is said to have "salted" down will be all "sugar" when he gets it.

Boston Transcript: It is reported that the administration will take care of all the "lame ducks" by finding them soft roots on the payroll. Mr. Wilson evidently doesn't want them going around the country blaming him for anything.

Brooklyn Eagle: Belgian Congo's troops report that they have whipped the Germans far over the border on the shores of Tanganyika. The children of Ham find the bread of bitterness on either side of the sandwich, and are not violating their neutrality.

Baltimore American: A French cruiser tells of an attack made at sea by a torpedo boat from the air by an aeroplane dropping bombs and from under the sea by a submarine with the use of wireless weapons. The wonders of some old fairy tales are being realized by the practical facts of these even more wonderful times.

San Francisco's bartenders are making good in their campaign for one day's rest in seven.

Dropright, Okla. is a moving burg. Recently the residents spotted a more attractive townsite a mile away and moved the town to it.

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State Election Postscripts

Calls Himself a Bonehead.

Western Laborer (F. A. Kennedy, defeated republican state senator) I made one speech of two minutes at a newspaper meeting on Ames avenue. There were forty-five candidates and seven citizens present. Four of the latter work at the court house and the remaining three had their minds made up. I expected to see my picture in all the daily papers the next day, but they never even mentioned my name. After election a friend said: "You made a mistake in not making speeches, like Laurie Quinby. The people want to know where a man stands on public questions." "But," per se, "R. B. Howell, our peerless leader, made hundreds of speeches—a dozen or more in Omaha two days before election, and on election day he lost ten wards. He told the people where he stood on public questions, all right, all right, but look what they did to him!" Wasn't I a bonehead, when you come to think of it? The day I sat on the rock and figured out 1914 as the proper year for me to take a dip into the political game because R. B. Howell had been strong enough to carry everybody through and your "hills-drawn book man" would get a death grip on his coat tail and ride into power and glory with him. But on election day Mr. Howell received the worst beating ever given a republican candidate for governor, except the landslide year of 1896, in the history of the state! Think of it! The worst trimming ever given a republican candidate for governor! Ain't it awful?

Several Ways to Explain It.

Neigh Leader: For the first time in the history of Nebraska the democrats have elected a majority of the state officers and in addition will control both branches of the legislature. That the plea of "sustain the president" had considerable to do with the result by keeping democrats in line is probably true, but a prime reason was that the head of the republican ticket based his fight, not upon the real issues of the campaign, but upon his personal relations with other Omaha politicians concerning which the people of the state were indifferent. The further fact that several on the ticket had in the past been freed with their hammers against republican officials did not help them any when they themselves wanted votes.

But Will They Happen to Run Again?

Plattsmouth Journal: About every candidate that the News supported in Omaha seems to have gotten it in the neck. The defeated will know what to do in the future, if they happen to run again for office.

Majorities No Tribute to President.

Premont Tribune: Congressman Stephens was overgenerous in his declaration that his majority in the district was in support of President Wilson and his policies. In proof of this statement, hitherto made by the Tribune, it might be asked how it came that Frank Reavis, republican, beat Maguire in the First district, and Congressman Kinkaid, republican, increased his majority from the Big Sixth by 2,000 votes?

Just Couldn't Bear to Deprive Us.

Emerson Enterprise: The speeches that Howell made through out the state were too socialistic to suit the republicans and others in Nebraska and he was left in Omaha so that he could look to the water proposition in that municipality. And, really, he is a mighty good man for the job.

Caught Between Two Fires.

Tekamah Journal: Mr. Howell hurt his candidacy quite as much as he may have thought he was benefiting it by alluding to his Omaha troubles in every speech he made during the campaign. Mr. Howell was defeated not so much by those republicans who did not like his attitude in the Taft campaign as by the desertion of those democrats who he may have thought would vote for him and the refusal of the bull moose element to give him its support. Mr. Howell had really no right to expect the loyal allegiance from the old line republicans that he received, for he, while still national committeeman, deserted the party in the time of its sore need. Although promising to abide by the result of the Chicago convention, he failed to make his word good and did nothing whatever to aid the Taft campaign. He deserved just what he received in the last election.

Twice Told Tales

Her Difficult Choice.

Mr. Plowden, the well known London magistrate, who has just retired from the bench, has a great repertoire of good stories.

His favorite one relates to a case in which he appeared as counsel. In the course of this case he had to cross-examine the wife of a notorious burglar.

"You are the wife of this man?" he asked.

"I am," she replied.

"You knew he was a burglar when you married him?" he proceeded.

"Yes," she admitted.

"How could you possibly marry such a man?" Mr. Plowden demanded.

"Well, it was like this," the witness explained, confidentially: "I was getting old and two chaps wanted to marry me. It wasn't easy to choose between 'em, but in the end I married Bill there. The other chap was a lawyer, same as you, sir."

An Economical Advantage.

Dr. Arthur C. Griscomb, head of the Vegetarian church of Denver, was talking about the advantage of vegetarianism, especially in these war-price days, from the viewpoint of economy.

"There's a story," said Dr. Griscomb, "which illuminates this viewpoint.

"A vegetarian senator was entertaining a half-dozen rural constituents at his fashionable Washington hotel. The senator, while not exactly a vegetarian, went very light on meat. On this occasion he hardly touched the various courses of fish, beef and bird—he confined himself almost exclusively to the crisp celery, the delicate cream and the appetizing salad of chery and lettuce.

"A fat, ruddy constituent said:

"Senator, what board might you be payin' here?"

"Between \$7 and \$9 a day, my boy," said the senator, with his beaming senatorial smile, and he thrust a great forkful of curly green chery leaves into his mouth.

"Why, my boy, do you eat that?"

"It was just wonderful," said the guest, "it wouldn't be cheaper but put ye out ter pasture!"—Denver News.

People and Events

A Massachusetts law prohibiting the display of red and black flags in public, intended as a knock on socialists and the I. W. W., was turned on the rosters of the Harvard-Princeton game of Saturday and effectively suppressed the display of college colors on the grounds. It is a poor law that doesn't work both ways.

Michael Breen of St. Louis is a versatile cuss. Last March he disappeared and pretended to be a dead one, while his sorrowing widow collected \$1,500 insurance money. Last week he returned home and started a rough house because the insurance money was spent. In this way Mike spoiled his record as a "dear departed" and mocked the epithet on his gravestone.

In a public circular on right living and high thinking the physical director of the New York Young Men's Christian association says New Yorkers eat too much meat. "Juicy steaks are good for the palate," says the circular, "but an over-indulgence will keep more than one man out of heaven." So, you fellows with the beefsteak habit, a hot stew will get you if you don't watch out.

Mrs. Nevausius and Asta are suffering from severe internal pains and growing to beat the band. But what's the use? If all the idle cabbies, famine-stricken hotel keepers, long-suffering guides and tourists headquarters should work overtime in picking up the fares, they could not provide sufficient accommodations for tourists to see the fireworks. Just now volcanic hot air is useless as a lure for foreign coin.

SMILING REMARKS.

"It is no use trying to teach a socialist to play cards."

"Because he will insist on the deuce taking the kings."—Baltimore American.

"How do you explain your defeat?" asked one member of congress.

"I don't explain it," replied the other. "In my opinion it's up to the gang that beat me to slip forward and apologize."—Washington