

People and Events

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"Will's wife is such a trifling sort of woman. She never puts anything through."

"Patrice—is there anything as bad as being all dressed up and nowhere to go?"

"How can you be engaged to a man 60 years old? He has, however given you some magnificent presents."

"You are not going to Europe next summer?"

THE FOREST.

God's Temple is the forest, silent, true; It's done the arching heavens, gray or blue;

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

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Baltimore American: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was chosen by Billy Sunday to end the service at which he denounced Unitarians.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: An English religious paper insists that God will be the great war. It must share the views of the old colored preacher that we are in the hands of "an all wise and unscrupulous Providence."

Houston Post: A Tennessee minister says "hell is full of chic dresses, low-necked gowns, silk hosiery and such things."

Springfield Republican: The election of Dr. Parkhurst by the New York presbytery as one of the eight commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly, which will meet at Rochester next month, emphasizes the presbytery's dismissal of charges against him for "unbecoming" conduct in opposing absolute prohibition in California.

TABLOIDS OF SCIENCE.

The telephone voice travels at the rate of 20,000 miles per second.

The wind pressure on wires strung on poles is estimated at half of that on flat plates of equal area.

An ant can carry a grain of corn ten times the weight of its own body, while a horse and a man can carry a burden only about equal to their own weight.

It has been estimated by a Berlin scientist that the commercial value of electricity in a flash of lightning lasting one-thousandth of a second is 29 cents.

The weeping willow, so-called (scientific name S. babylonica), is a native of China, from which country it has been taken over most of the civilized world.

Star photography is one of the most tedious operations known. In some cases the exposure of the plate must last for several hours. During all this time both the plate and telescope must be moved so that the image of the star will be stationary on the plate.

Prof. Rollin D. Salisbury of the University of Chicago, says a continuous process of contractions is going on inside the earth and will continue until all the chemicals within it have been transformed into their densest compounds.

QUAINT BITS OF LIFE.

The land at the head of Wall street, on which Trinity church and cemetery stand comprises a plot 321 feet long by 27 feet broad, valued at \$17,000,000.

The women of Sweden often work as farm laborers. In some instances the husbands serenely smoke and lounge around, while they contentedly view the movements of the industrious wives.

George D. Shearer of San Rafael, Cal., is exhibiting samples of fruit picked from pear trees planted in 1817 by the padre who established in that year the mission San Rafael Archangel.

Leo Ugardi, a Naples hairdresser, married his sweetheart subject to an undertaking on the part of her father to spend \$60 for tonorial attentions within two years of the wedding in place of a dowry; otherwise the wife is to be returned to her parents.

A stove stuffed with paper and kindling, ready to light, for twenty years, without ever being touched off, was sold among other effects of Mr. Sallis Wilton of Dover, Del. It was a parlor heater and had not been used since the death of her husband.

Angus McKay of Russell Creek, Wash., has been a justice of the peace at that place for ten years, yet he presided over his first case only recently, and that came as the result of a change of venue. In the town of Mohler the first lawsuit tried there in eight years was held recently, and that also on a change of venue.

A remarkable fact regarding the name of God is that it is spelled with four letters in most of the languages of civilized peoples. In Latin it is Deus; Greek, Zeus; Hebrew, Adonai, which has but four letters in that language; Syrian, Adad; Arabian, Alla; Persian, Ahura; Tartarian, Irga; Egyptian, Anum or Zent; East Indian, Esagi or Sem; Japanese, Zain; Turkish, Adal; Sanscrit, Odun; Croatian, Deo; Dalmatian, Rott; Czechian, Eger; Etrurian, Chur; Margartian, Oese; German, Gott; Pranchgarian, Dios; Peruvian, Llan.

AROUND THE CITIES.

Chicago proposes to drape its hunky "I will" girl with a municipal flag.

Cleveland has added swimming teachers at \$60 per annum to its educational facilities.

Salt Lake City is about to market \$300,000 in bonds, the proceeds to be used in water plant extensions.

St. Louis devoted two weeks to its clean-up campaign and claims to have pulled off a first class job.

Los Angeles school authorities, spurred by state law, require all school teachers to marry Americans or quit the job.

A judge in Portland, Ore., is convinced that a whipping post actively worked is the proper treatment for confirmed crooks.

Philadelphia is putting out feelers for the next republican national convention. These conventions come high, but the Quaker City has the price.

Jinney owners in Keokuk, Ia., are burning up in opposition to regulations requiring bonds. They fear the bond provision will put them out of business.

The re-enactment of direct taxation in New York state will increase taxation in New York City to 2.5 per cent. Rentals are expected to rise in proportion.

St. Joe is about to submit a bond issue of \$50,000 for school betterments, and \$5,000 for a public library. Two-thirds vote is required to carry the bonds.

Sioux City's copious rock pile and the exercise it suggests materially diminished the social activities and the member of J. W. W. agitators in that section.

Nearly 1,000 jinney folk were in Philadelphia last Sunday and did a "standing room only" business. On week days the number is around 300. Street car people admit an average loss of \$2,000 a day.

The Deseret National bank of Salt Lake City is considering plans for a twenty-four-story bank and office building to be erected on the corner of Main and First South streets. Estimated cost, \$1,000,000. If the plans succeed through Salt Lake City will have the tallest skyscraper between Chicago and the Pacific coast.

News, Reviews and Interviews

THE Nebraska editors' meeting here in Omaha last week not only marked progress of the State Press association, but emphasized most of all the substantial progress which the newspapers in Nebraska have made along with the development of the state's population and resources.

The press association is a big trade organization just as are the other trade organizations maintained by business men to promote the interests which all have in common.

For a state organization, the Nebraska Press association owes a debt that should be some day liquidated in something more marketable than gratitude.

Speaking of old-time Nebraska newspaper men, suggested by the contest for the honor of having been longest and continuously connected with the publication or editing of a paper, recalls my first exploit with the editorial bench just twenty-five years back.

An editorial excursion to the sand hills and sod houses was something exceptional in those days, and we were royally greeted and entertained.

The marvelous achievement of Frank O. Edgcombe, who, although totally blind for twenty-three years, has been a publisher and editor all that time, and has been the regular attendant at association meetings, has been referred to in all the newspaper accounts of the convention.

The speaker was Bryant Cullen, the English critic, editor and publishers' reader. He resumed: "Lack of cash—want—is the one great cause of progress. The world moves—because, most likely, it can't pay the rent."

The order had been given to the soldiers at the front that they must not harm any woman unless it attacked them. One day a Cameron Highlander saw a sheep near him and he bayoneted it.

The officer passed on and the sheep soon after became a dinner.—Boston Transcript.

The first base ball game of the season was crippled in attendance by the heavy rain of the night before, only about 700 coming out to see the Omahas win a walkaway over the Cleveland's of 13 to 6.

The family of Colonel and Mrs. R. H. Wilbur have the sympathy of friends over the death of their eldest daughter, Hattie E. Wilbur, which took place at their residence, 321 Pleasant street, last evening.

A hansom cab line for Omaha is the latest metropolitan innovation by "Jim" Stephenson, the well known livery man. His new equipment, consisting of three cabs and three hansom's arrived yesterday.

J. F. Paulson and Elijah Allen are the committee appointed by the Douglas County Agricultural society to prepare the premium list in co-operation with the Omaha Fair and Exposition association for the next exhibit.

The Woman's Christian union is carrying the war into Africa in reality. The society, so it is reported, proposes to change the interior of the old Buchanan theater, and utilize it for religious and temperance lectures and gospel meetings.

C. G. Arnold, the youngest son of the Chicago packer, has been in Omaha looking over the stock yards and market here with a view to investing capital.

In the Wake of War. While the race has made progress in many ways since first we have records with which to compare achievement, in one particular progress is notable for its absence. No improvement is shown in the art of war.

As the one exception it may be noted that in recent years the armed forces of the United States have several times set foot on alien soil, and each time it has been to work actual improvement.

Our soldiers do not march in millions, and we are told they lack in the "efficiency" of the European armies. This may be true, but no trail ever left by the army of the United States is remembered because of the women and children who starved after the soldiers had marched on.

The "Third Degree."

The limit of application of "third degree" methods has been reached in Arizona, where officers of the law killed one and fatally injured another prisoner, from whom they were zealously striving to extort a confession.

An old one, is opposed to the humane theory of the law, and is not warranted by any of the requirements of justice. On the contrary, the law contemplates that an accused prisoner will have every opportunity to establish his innocence.

It is not part of the duty of the policeman to extort involuntary confessions from persons under arrest. Arrest is not always conclusive evidence of guilt, and impartial investigation quite as often establishes innocence.

Much depends on what Mr. Marshall considers efficiency. In his speech he referred to the German government and the Mormon church as being high types of efficient organization.

Not only is this true of the workmen, but in other and more important ways has the American vindicated his claim to efficiency.

The better way of living is also an American notion, and is being slowly worked out.

No occasion exists for worry over our output; we'll continue to produce enough to live on, and will remain free and happy, even if we do not attain to the rarefied height of absolute "efficiency."

In the Matter of Spelling. An 11-year-old Japanese girl won honors in spelling in competition in a Washington school.

Nothing so very wonderful about that, except that it calls attention to a fact that might otherwise have remained unnoticed. Spelling is still taught in the public schools, but apparently for very little purpose.

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Table with terms of subscription: Daily and Sunday, Evening without Sunday, Sunday Day only.

Table with remittance information: Remit by draft, express or postal order.

State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss.: Dwight Williams, circulation manager, says that the average Sunday circulation for the month of March, 1915, was 46,287.

Thought for the Day

The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art of life is to have as many of them as possible.—Bres.

Some differential between kisses at \$50,000 a piece and kisses at 10 cents a bushel.

Tree planting not only helps the "City Beautiful," but also comes within the rule of "Safety first."

Despite attempted persuasion, those Italians seem still to prefer the bleachers to the scrimmage line.

Spring plowing and planting in Europe are proceeding energetically under the direction of General Shrapnel.

The pulsing vigor of spring air carries sufficient purifying power to render innocuous the caloric of campaigners.

Hail the first of June brides—South Omaha, Dundee and Florence. Where does Benson come in—best man or bridesmaid?

The next time a subpoena to appear in court is to be served on him, the colonel will probably run to meet the sheriff at the gate.

As an example of the lasting influence of obedience to authority taught in the High school, that alumni pron is a shining success.

Cleveland also gets water for 6 cents a thousand gallons as against Omaha's charge of 21 cents a thousand gallons. Why do we pay 21 cents?

Now, if the city council will just strike out that minimum rate clause while the electric lighting ordinance is in transit, it will stop most of the kicking.

Charley Murphy of Tammany hall has been accused of all the sins in the political calendar, but no one can impeach the wisdom which restrained him from fooling with a libel suit buzz-saw.

According to the colonel, big financiers hand out big campaign contributions just the same as they drop money in the church box.

In the matter of public utility service rates it is not a question of the general result, but of the effect on the individual's personal bills.

Natural Life and Domesticity. A most lamentable illustration of woman's ingratitude is given in the case of the Chicago wife who asks divorce from her husband because he insists that she eat uncooked food.

There was a time when man knew not a blessed thing about cookery. Why should he persist in doing things his forebears eschewed?

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