

WHEN THE ELEMENTS RAGE.

The business of man and all his works was emphasized by the storm which swept Omaha and Council Bluffs and portions of Nebraska last Friday night.

Water, fire and wind all have their uses. The race could not live without them. Any of them in excess is destructive. In the present instance, it was too much water that caused the damage.

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City streets became raging torrents and the rushing waters carried down dirt and sand, depositing them inches deep over car tracks, pavements and sidewalks.

For hours the thunder roared and almost continuous lightning flashes illumined the drenched streets and landscape while here and there houses were struck by the flashing bolts.

Nor was this the worst, for the angry elements also demanded human sacrifice. A young mother and her three children were numbered among the dead in Council Bluffs while at Louisville 12 persons, funeral mourners, in one house were drowned.

Within 24 hours nearly one-fourth of the average annual precipitation of 30 inches fell in Omaha. It is interesting to note that Omaha records an annual rainfall about half way between the lowest and the highest in the United States.

Scientists of the world are all agog because the expedition has established an important scientific fact over which they have been arguing for decades.

The question was bitterly fought, and both sides supported their contentions with learned hypotheses and logical deductions.

But now the argument is settled, for good and all, according to Dr. Osborne. For he has found and is bringing back no less than 25 dinosaur eggs, laid in three nests by three mamma dinosaurs, away back there, 8 or 10 million years ago.

Alas for the expectations of the mammas! Something happened in that dim mesozoic era that brought death to the mothers and death to their unatched offspring.

Foreign cities like Paris, Berlin and Vienna have beauty commissions. A property owner must submit his building plans. If they don't measure up to the scheme of beauty, he must change them.

Here, so far, we have certain districts where buildings of a certain type may not be erected, and others where there is a minimum of cost for residences.

But if that minimum is spent, the owner may erect whatever may please his fancy regardless of how it will affect the appearance of the neighborhood.

THE SUITABLE SUIIT.
A certain Omaha business man dug up his Palm Beach suit and wore it all last week, the weather being palmbeachy, so to speak.

Whereupon his associates and friends laughed loud, long and frequently and did not the finger of scorn at him in the marketplace, crying, "Where did you get the suit?" and "Are you going balmy?"

But the temerarious man only smiled and kept his own counsel or, if he spoke, pointed out to them that, if anybody was "balmy," they were, inasmuch as he dressed in accord with the weather while they were slaves of custom and blindly obeyed the dictates of the tailors like driven sheep which follow a leader to the slaughter house.

One of the most curious contradictions of human nature is that men though continually seeking something new and different, deride anything that is different from the accepted narrow standard in dress.

Let a man walk down the street in November, wearing a straw hat, and, for some unproved reason, all the other men think themselves warranted in chucking at him.

If a man were to walk the street in December without wearing a coat he would be in grave danger of arrest.

Annually gentlemen gain great amusement and think they serve their country and protect their firesides by breaking up the straw hats of other men who are bold enough to wear this style of dome-covering after a certain fixed date.

Women are not so narrow in standards of dress. They wear furs in summer and straw hats in winter if they desire.

Men should dress according to the weather. But they probably won't.

And if it were decreed that rubbers should be worn daily from September 1 to June 1 they would blindly comply with the edict.

GERMANY STILL FEARED.

Germany has given up passive resistance in the Ruhr. But from France came no news of rejoicing at this new "victory" over the hereditary foe across the Rhine.

Instead, there is in the news reports only word that France wonders what Germany is contemplating next. Poincare and his whole government have apparently grown more nervous than they were while the battle of the Ruhr was on.

It is the old fear, the long suspicion, child of the hatred that has existed from time immemorial between the two nations and which has sapped their blood in repeated wars.

There are those in France who believe that Germany, even now, is preparing to strike a blow. This alarmist view is not altogether without facts to back it.

J. M. Scammell, writing in The North American Review, quotes the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce to the effect that Germany is going ahead with its aeronautical development despite the treaty and that Germany is building aircraft in Switzerland, Italy, Russia and possibly in Scandinavian countries.

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"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to express their views on matters of public interest.

Is There Any One Who Cares?
Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Sergeant York, U. S. Army, has been a hero, a man of the hour, yes, appreciating, population will remember the name?

There was a time when his name was on every tongue, he was a hero, a man of the hour, but in the end, he was only a man.

From the hills of Tennessee came this Sergeant York, a man who was destined by fate to become great; he was only human like the rest of us, but in his manly chest, a heart of gold, a soul of steel.

He was a man, he enjoyed the bright days of youth, grew to manhood, and was willing to sacrifice for the cause, by whom he is never mentioned.

He might have been able to attain great heights had he cared to, but he had faith in the world and thought it was, must I say, thankful.

Yes, he received a medal, a first class medal, and since he has the heart of a man he has felt the meaning of this "slogan."

General staff, if I carry out the plans I have in hand now, my footprints shall seek the man who possesses this heart of a man.

AN ADMIRER OF A GENIUS.
Short Studies.
Irvington, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In spite of all up-to-date notions to the contrary, I still hold fast to the following beliefs:

That the number of divorces, the marriage institution will not entirely disappear. That Christian countries are not to be too much blamed for their blood.

That savage nations are no better in this respect than civilized nations. That if civilized people commit more crimes than barbarians, it is because they are subject to greater temptations.

That the slightest acquaintance gives a man the right to surrender his seat to a lady anywhere. It is not necessary that they shall have been introduced.

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MOTHER NATURE'S CHILDREN

The Omaha Bee welcomes letters from readers recording intimate observations of animals or plants. A bird perhaps one has seen while waiting for a street car, or a voluntary flower or some creature one has come upon in the woods away from the noise of the city—these are—and always have been—of interest to others.

FEEDING YOUNG BIRD.
Your column, "Mother Nature," reminds me of a scene I witnessed in bird life this summer.

I related the incident to my next door neighbor and she said she had witnessed the same scene. Neither of us had ever seen a like incident and I have wondered if it was unusual.

JOHN R. MANCHESTER,
119 Lincoln Boulevard, Omaha.

Books of Today

Frank Slayton's body, in evening clothes, was found on the floor of his elegant home. He was shot to base of his head, at close range, and there was no evidence of a struggle.

It seems the city council ought to take some action to prevent an occurrence of this kind in the future by compelling these people to put up bonds so that when the citizens are voting on the purchase of a performance, some provision should be made to reimburse them in case a performance is not carried out.

It is possible some provision has been made for refunding the purchase price of the tickets, especially the price of the tickets, especially the price of the tickets, especially the price of the tickets.

Perhaps the Hot county monkey was on his way to Hay Springs to call on a friend of antediluvian days.

Mr. Ford's aim is to end poverty in the United States. He has done this, however, by selling gas-eating automobiles to us.—Nebraska City Press.

North Loup will have its annual popcorn days October 2 and 3. Now, if it could only feature apples, nuts, cider and taffy along with the fluffy popcorn, it would be a real success.

Steel bridges are down 18 per cent; nails, door knobs, whiffletrees, pumps, door bells and street cars cost less than a year ago. So there is no reason why we should not find living easier.—Blair Pilot.

If you want to invest in land now is the time. If, on the other hand, you have land you want to dispose of, better not be in too much of a hurry. This is the substance of advice given by a real estate expert.

The suggestion of The Omaha Bee that the dire need of the Japanese people and the surplus grain supply of this country be brought together is a sensible one.—Hartington Herald.

Daily Prayer

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, and brotherly kindness. Amen.

Dear Father, at the beginning of another day, I come before Thee, after the quiet rest of the night, to thank Thee that Thou hast spared our lives to see this day, for all the days are Thine; the cattle on a thousand hills are Thine; the water in the brook is Thine; and the fish in the sea are Thine; so why should we concern ourselves about the temporal things of this life, knowing and believing that Thou art able and willing to take care of us, and provide for our every need. So we come to Thee with great boldness, trusting in Thee for all that is necessary to sustain us. We most humbly beseech Thee to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon us, and to guide us in all that we may do or think or say, that we may be kept from harm and sin, and be made pure and good within.

Help us to praise and adore and magnify Thy Holy Name, for all Thy goodness and love for us this day of our lives on earth, for Jesus' sake, Amen.

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B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr.
V. A. BRIDGE, Cir. Mgr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of September, 1923.

W. H. QUINN, Notary Public.

"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

One Rich Man.
From The Nebraska City Press.
Young Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., has exploded the idea that the sons of rich men are no account. He is a shining exception to the general rule. Several years ago Mr. Vanderbilt made up his mind to make his living without depending on the income from the stocks and bonds which a provident ancestor had handed down to him.

He entered the newspaper business and became a reporter. His former employers declare he was a good reporter. He was given no favors which were withheld from the other men on the papers where he worked and he labored diligently and intelligently. A few weeks ago he launched a newspaper enterprise of his own, in Los Angeles. The Illustrated News of Los Angeles follows the general style of the London journals. It is in magazine form, filled with pictures of current events, short comment on current affairs, good reviews of the best books, plays and musical enterprises. At the end of the 10th day the newspaper had a circulation of 130,000 copies daily, and it sells for one cent.

Mr. Vanderbilt says in an editorial which he wrote in a hospital where he was hurried for an operation on the day the paper was launched that he has but one desire: to serve the public well. He is one rich young man who has decided, evidently, that there is a place in the world for him; that because a man has millions and the possession of those millions usually voices wishes to men of his class a life of ease, there is no reason to expect all men of that class to do nothing that is worth while. His relatives and some of his rich friends may frown on an ambition to work, but the mass of the people of this country, who really do work for a living whether they do it for love or through necessity, will hope that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., makes a success of a venture which, in the beginning, seems sure to bring it to him.

They Judged Wisely.
From The Fargo (N. D.) Daily Tribune.
In the midst of athletic tournaments and just as football begins to attract the attention of followers of school sports, a local college live stock team wins honors in an important but less spectacular form of intercollegiate contest.

Three men representing the North Dakota Agricultural college repeated their successes of last year by placing high this week among the dairy judging teams from 19 other states at the Dairy Congress at Waterloo, Ia.

The team from this state ranked above several states where live stock and dairy husbandry are the outstanding farming systems. North Dakota's representatives were placed above teams representing the nation's great dairy states. The result of the contest is a tribute to the members of the team, but also to the coaches from the dairy department at the college which trained the men.

Sizing up an animal has long been a practice among live stock men. In recent years the method has been systematized by specialists who have developed score cards which stress points in dairy cattle found to be closely associated with heavy and profitable milk production. Well qualified judges can usually pick the profitable producer from the unprofitable cow on the basis of a score card. Contests of this kind are really intercollegiate tournaments which at the same time help to prepare competent leaders in the dairy and live stock industries.

Again Bavarian Secession.
From The Sioux Falls Press.
The traditional grain of salt should be called into play when the latest report that Bavaria is likely to secede from the German republic is under consideration. As the thing is now explained, if Berlin gives in to France's coercive measures, Bavaria will pull out.

To be sure, the Bavarians never took kindly to imperial dynasty of the Hohenzollerns and have always chafed under what was really Prussian hegemony no matter by what name it was called. Nevertheless the vision of Teutonic unity—a vision long pursued in all of the several German states before Bismarck finally welded together the German empire—proved powerful enough to force them to swallow their dislike of Prussia.

Today, when not only Teutonic unity but the very existence of an autonomous Germany is in jeopardy, it is hardly probable that Bavaria will turn recent to cherished ideals and like a rat deserting a sinking ship leave the rest of Germany to stand alone. To act in that manner does not fit with the well-known Bavarian character, whose leading feature is sturdy, honest loyalty—a loyalty which in the past made it easy for them to be misled.

From another aspect Bavarian secession appears equally unlikely. Even if Bavaria should break away it could not thus escape the penalties of having lost the world war.

Abe Martin



VOTE FOR JOE MOOTS FOR SHERIFF REGULAR MILK & DIRTY FARMER

We kin break jail, or git a divorce, or jerk away from a policeman, but nobuddy ever got away from himself. Tourists that new git their impressions from its traffic cops.

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Robert Worthington Davis

FATHER.
There's a little bit of God about him—
Don't know exactly what it is,
Don't know how we'd get along without him,
And that good old cheering way of his.

Wouldn't think he had a care or bother,
Ever longed to settle down and rest;
And if sadness ever comes to father,
Never in his sentiment expressed.

Takes plans as readily as the morrow,
Plans in silence for the coming while,
Seems to feel that life is not for sorrow—
Better is the man who wears a smile.

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